

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Devin Justis Hexner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Curious about your thoughts

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Dear Elaine,

My name is Devin Hexner.

I respect you, your time, your energy, and your precarious situation regarding the proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330. I understand that whatever opinion and action you take, you will have detractors. I do not wish to be an enemy, I wish to be a person who wants to share with you, and I ask for you to pause and consider my thoughts.

I understand there is a pressing homelessness crisis with a reported 3,500 homeless people living unsheltered in San Francisco (Source: Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing). I am supportive of passionate efforts by city officials to make our community a better, healthier, more thriving place by helping support and rejuvenate the homeless population.

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**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: curious about your thoughts

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**From:** Devin Justis Hexner [  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** Kilstrom, Kari (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: curious about your thoughts

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Dear Kari,

My name is Devin Hexner.

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## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Navigation Center at SWL 330

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**From:** Douglas Hanlin <  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Opposition to Navigation Center at SWL 330

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March 12, 2019

Dear President Brandon and Port Commissioners,

My name is Douglas Hanlin. I live at the Portside. I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330, directly across the street from my home. While I share the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, I feel that the proposed navigation center location poses many problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, as well as being noncompliant with the land use provisions within the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and numerous City plans. If the Port seeks to reduce homelessness on Port property, locating the proposed navigation center at SWL 330 will do exactly the opposite, operating as a magnet for homeless activity in our residential community and creating much ill will with the neighborhood for any future development on the site.

In particular, I have the following concern about the center :

- 1.) Homelessness has been a problem for decades in San Francisco. While Mayor Breed indicates that the Center will be needed for four plus years, homelessness won't be solved in four years. This promises to be a semi-permanent installation if it is to remain until the homeless problem is solved as Mayor Breed has indicated.
- 2.) The number of guests the shelter serves far surpasses the number of homeless individuals in the surrounding area, which means to fill the beds homeless individuals from all over the city will be relocated to our neighborhood.
- 3.) While other navigation centers appear to have a good success rate, still, about 20% of the guests are asked to leave because of bad behavior or leave voluntarily. Will these individuals then reside on the streets in the surrounding neighborhoods thus swelling the homeless population? This appears to have happened at other navigation centers in non-residential sections of the city.
- 4.) Homeless individuals in this area reportedly will be given priority for admission to the navigation center. Does this mean that homeless individuals will be motivated by this to relocate to our neighborhood from SF and from surrounding cities and counties, knowing that they will be given priority for admission? What would stop this from happening?
- 5.) This site was chosen because it was "shovel ready." What does this mean that mobile units, trailers, tents, etc will be moved into the site in order to readily house the guests? Will there be 200-250 "Porta-potties" set up for the residents. If not what will prevent the residents from understandably using the surrounding neighborhood for relief if the lines to the "Porta-potties" are too long? Will this be a large trailer park located in our neighborhood? Won't this be more unsightly than the Embarcadero Freeway once was?
- 6.) In the 15 years that I have lived in this area, the city has provided almost no services or amenities for this area. There is virtually no police presence, inadequate street lighting, no city parks, no traffic control, no sidewalk cleaning aside from the CBD for which the residents pay extra. There has been no increase in services even though there has been an influx of close to 10,000 residents in the Rincon Hill area in the past ten years with the new developments providing tens of millions dollars to the city coffers for low income housing.. in addition the Port Authority provides very little in the way of services to the Embarcadero south of Market Street. Why should we believe that the city or Port Authority will provide any additional services to the area once the shelter is here.
- 7.) What will be done by the city and the Port to abate the expected increase in crime, drug dealing, inappropriate behavior in the neighborhood. There is no police presence now and little interest shown by the police in curtailing property crimes. Will policing responsibilities as usual fall on the residents of the area and on the CBD?
- 8.) What will be done to guarantee the safety and security of the residents and the pets in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood has already seen a home invasion by a homeless individual in the past year, and there have been attacks by the dogs of some of the homeless in the area on both residents and pets. What will prevent this from becoming more of a problem.

9.) why is there not a "fair share" of responsibility for dealing with the homeless crisis from other districts of the city. I counted three parking lots on the north side of the Embarcadero on what appears to be Port property in District 3, and all three could be used for navigation centers. Why are centers not being mandated there? In district five we have hosted the Multiservice Center for the homeless at Fifth and Bryant, and I understand a new navigation center has opened in that area recently as well. Why do certain districts always have to carry the burden for the rest of the city while other districts (Pacific Heights, North Beach, Russian Hill, Noe Valley, Sunset and Richmond, etc.) do nothing. This would be much more palatable if every other district in the city were also hosting a similar center simultaneously rather than just paying lip service to the idea.

if the city, including the mayor and our supervisor, as well as the Port were serious about making this a success rather than foisting in on my neighborhood with no community input or community outreach, there would have been more planning and discussion ahead of any announcement. There are ways this could have been approached successfully by first establishing how this center could actually be beneficial for the neighborhood, perhaps by proposing neighborhood enhancements, e.g. a policy of a buffer zone with no tents or sidewalk encampments within an eight block area of the center, concrete plans for increased enhancement of the neighborhood, with better lighting, improved sidewalks, landscaping, more park space, making a commitment to increased security in the neighborhood with explanations how this will be accomplished, either by more patrolling by police, stricter enforcement of quality of life issues, etc.

If there had been more of an effort to create opportunities for community involvement with local neighbors being involved in the planning to address community concerns, and assisting with selling this to the community as something that actually could enhance the neighborhood, then it could have been a model for the development of other centers. Just pushing this on the neighborhood with no outreach or attempts to involve the community, putting in a bunch of unsightly trailers and tents with no accommodations for the security and welfare of the neighborhood, and allowing the neighborhood to deteriorate, however, will only increase the animosity of the neighborhood towards the city and the responsible parties, and will do nothing to alleviate the concerns and only heighten the fears of other neighborhoods where other navigation centers are proposed.

Sincerely,

Douglas Hanlin



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Diane Vader  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Proposed embarcadero navigation center

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

Dear Ms. Forbes:

As homeowners , we **strongly oppose** the proposed navigation for these reasons:

Mayor Breed clearly stated that ALL San Francisco residents must share the homeless burden. If this is the case, why is District 6 carrying such a heavy load? Are there navigation centers of this size planned for any other district?

Last night's meeting handout did not answer these questions: How are people referred to the center? How are people dismissed? Is drug use allowed? Does the nav center distribute needles? Are there psychiatric nurses and doctors available 24/7? Is there a curfew? Is there a full-time janitorial staff? What is the staff-to-resident ratio? So many unanswered questions and lack of community outreach when this plan was announced contribute to the feeling that the main stakeholders in the neighborhood are not receiving enough information and are out of the loop.

From firsthand experience, the majority of the homeless people I see every day are in dire need of psychiatric care or substance abuse rehabilitation. Wouldn't funds be better spent to provide these in-depth services as a path toward permanent life changes? The street people I see every day do not seem like good candidates for anything but intense inpatient recovery programs.

Even if we provide the homeless with a bed to sleep in, many will still need to find some money to keep up with their addiction. The easiest way to get money is to steal from the nearby residents: cars, bikes, whatever they can get their hands on.

We don't feel safe in our neighborhood now. Police presence is non-existent and we already feel left to fend for ourselves. Introducing the navigation center will only increase our anxiety with the lack of police protection.

We feel certain that this is not a temporary center and that once it is in place, it will remain for longer than four years.

We voted for Mr. Haney and Mayor Breed, as they seemed the best candidates. We feel betrayed by this ill-conceived proposal.

Sincerely,  
Marc Schwartz and Diane Vader

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Earl Gee >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:10 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 10, 2019

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

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear Commissioner Woo Ho,

My name is Earl Gee. I am a resident and business owner at the Portside Condominiums at since 1994. I have also served on the Portside Master Association Board for over 23 years. Portside encompasses 220 residences at 38 Bryant Street and 403 Main Street. While Portside shares the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, the location of the proposed navigation center poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general.

### **Fails to Integrate with Community**

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

### **Risks to Public Safety**

Portside is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

### **Increase in Property Crime**

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

### **Degradation of Quality of Life**

Portside residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

### **Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless**

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

As an engaged citizen who has faithfully participated in and commented upon the numerous Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330 for over two decades, I am most deeply troubled by the Port and City for proposing a navigation center at this location.

### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

Engaged citizens of the area contributed their valuable time to participate in many input sessions and workshops with both Port and City officials regarding potential land use for SWL 330. Never has our community supported a navigation center as an appropriate land use for the site. It is out of place, out of character, and inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. If community input is to be disregarded, why have we attended, participated in, and commented upon all these sessions?

### **Impedes Public Access to Waterfront**

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 navigation center 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.

### **Fails to Comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan—or Any Plans**

The use of SWL 330 for a proposed navigation center fails to comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at

all? Why should the mayor be allowed to to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

### **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

### **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

#### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

#### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

#### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood’s faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To “fast track” a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

### **CONCLUSION**

I remain hopeful that you, as fellow citizens and members of the Port Commission, will fulfill your responsibilities to put the interests of the neighborhood who will be most adversely affected by the navigation center—and the citizens they represent—above politics. For the many important reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any “fast-track” legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Sincerely,  
**Earl Gee**

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Ed Eksterowicz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:14 AM  
**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)  
**Subject:** Security Concerns - Navigation Center Sea Wall Lot 330

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Dear Everyone,

I would like to express my concerns about the security of the proposed Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330. I have concerns not only with the security within the Navigation Center but also with the security surrounding the residential buildings in the area.

I received a death threat over the weekend, along with a few other people, from an anonymous caller threatening to "take up arms and kill all the rich people as the walk out of their palaces." This was followed up with a text from a person with a 562 area code stating that I should have received a call or email from someone in their group and then continuing on with a long text stating the disapproval of my donation and opposition to the Navigation Center, coupled with various curse words. I issued a police report for these incidents.

I no longer feel safe in my building or in my area, in addition to the children, elderly and single females and the Navigation Center has not even been erected in our parking lot yet!

I have compassion and respect for the homeless and I give them extra food that I receive from the second job that work on the weekends. They deserve to be placed in area where there is room for them to get their lives back together, placing them in a highly congested and visible area where they will in constant contact with people, traffic and other various distractions is not the answer.

There has got to be a better solution and location to allow them the dignity, room and respect they need to survive.

I ask you to please reconsider your decision to place the Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330 and find a location more suitable to helping the homeless to live in a safe and dignified environment and to allow for the safety of many residents that will be affected by your decision.

Thanks for your time and consideration

Ed Eksterowicz

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Elenor Mak <elenor.mak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:56 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** Children Safety/ Proposed Navigation Center in South Beach

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Dear Members of the SF Port Commission,

I are writing to express my deep concerns for the children in this community, whose safety will be compromised in light of the largest proposed Navigation Center in South Beach. Unlike existing Navigation Centers, this location is the immediate backyard for many children living in nearby residences or attending daycares or schools within a 3 block radius.

My husband and I live in the Watermark building with our 1 year old son, James. We moved here a few years ago to start and raise our family. In addition to baby James, we are also expecting our second child at the end of this year. We had envisioned raising our children here, where my son can ride his bike around the block and we could take him for an evening stroll around the block, knowing that this is a safe environment. This will NOT be the case with the building of the largest Navigation Center in San Francisco 1/2 a block from the entrance of our home.

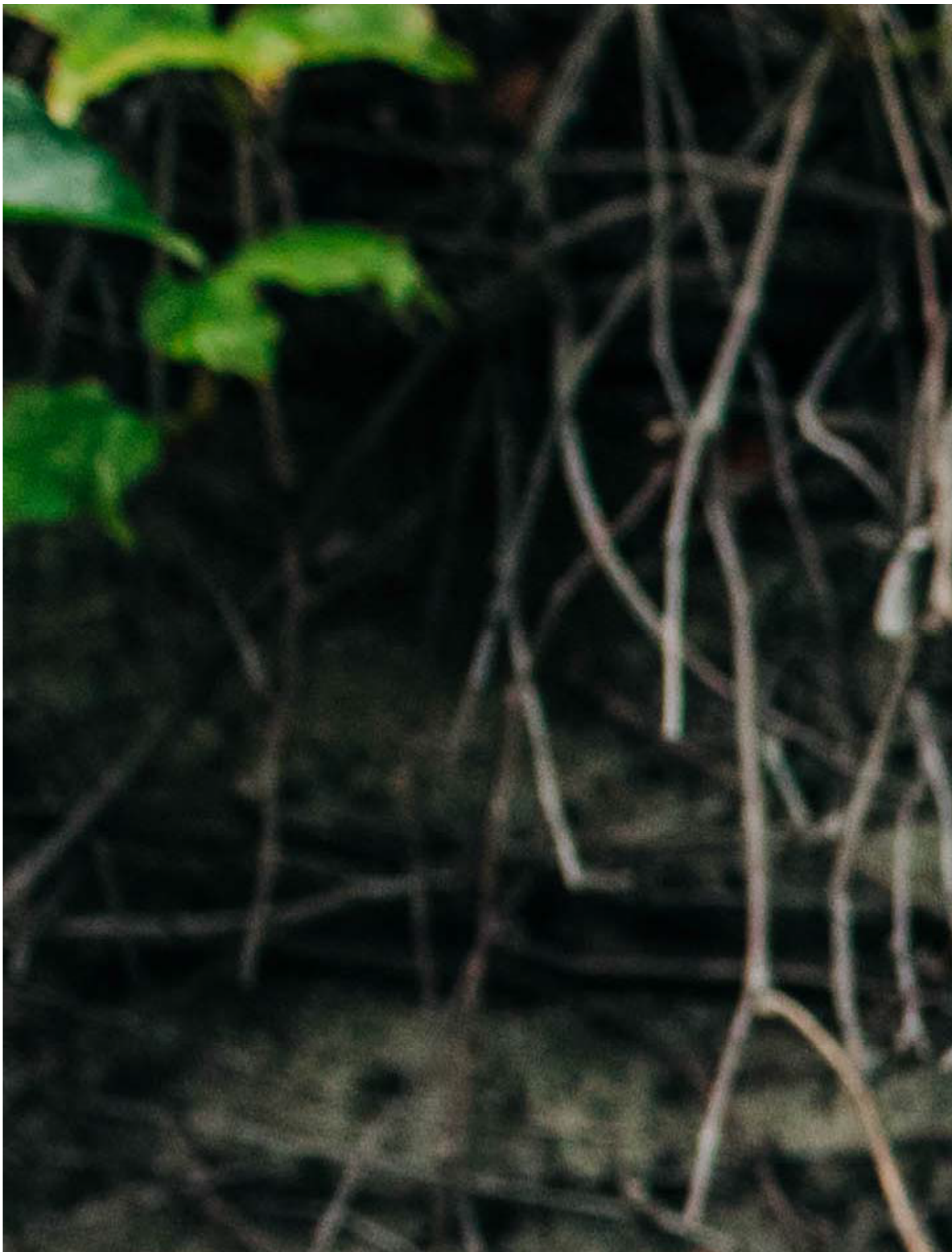
I question how we can uphold our children's safety, given their daily proximity and exposure to the subgroup of these 250 individuals, who have had repeated histories of drug use, mental instability and known — and unknown - histories of children violence or offenses. As these Navigation Centers are built and increasingly, in the proximity of residential buildings, have we really thought through the critical question of how to adequately protect our children? Or will we have to wait for an irreversible incident, like the one that ultimately led to Meghan's Law?

As you make your decisions to approve of this center, I hope you will truly consider the welfare of children growing up in the area of any proposed Navigation Center, whose daily safety relies entirely on the decisions of the adults in his / her community.

Lastly, I attach a family photo we took around the corner of the Watermark building recently. During that photo experience, my husband and I had to avoid stepping on discarded drug needles at the spot of this photo.

Warm Regards,  
Elenor  
Cell: 917 596 7636  
[Email: Elenor.mak@gmail.com](mailto:Elenor.mak@gmail.com)





## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Elizabeth Tyree  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2019 4:48 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330

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

Dear Ms. Forbes,

I am writing to ask that you vote against approval of Mayor Breed's proposal to lease Seawall Lot 330 to the city for a Navigation Center.

The Port of San Francisco's Strategic Plan (2016-2021) goals include several objectives related to the city's request to quickly establish the Navigation Center.

#2 Engagement Objectives: 1. "Regularly engage in meaningful public participation and incorporate community feedback into Port initiatives." The community into which this Navigation Center is proposed has clear and wide ranging concerns about this project which need careful consideration and meaningful communication between stakeholders.

#6 Economic Vitality Objectives: "#5 Implement a balanced strategy to the real estate portfolio and asset management to maximize value and income stream to the port." This is a fiduciary duty of the Port Commission. The financial terms of the proposed lease by the city brings into question the ability of the Port Commission to fully achieve this objective. The city indicated one reason Seawall Lot 330 is attractive to the city as a location for the Navigation Center is the low rental rate.

San Francisco recently passed a bond measure to fund needed capital improvements for projects the Port Commission oversees. Passing a super majority bond measure indicated that the voters of the city have confidence in the fiscal management of the Port Commission. Maintaining that confidence is important to the city and commission.

"#6. Develop a long-term economic lease extension policy for existing retail and seawall lots." Developing a long-term economic lease for Seawall Lot 330 is a stated goal of the Port Commission. Creation of this plan could be made publicly available, with appropriate time to allow for input.

Safety: Safety continues to be a concern of residents and businesses alike with a large Navigation Center in the neighborhood. San Francisco has focused establishing a Navigation Center on Seawall lot 330 in part, stating that it cannot find another large parcel in the city to locate a center of this size.



Current navigation centers are already south of market. Our neighborhood has 65% of the shelter beds and 73% of San Francisco's affordable housing. I recognize the need to find solutions to the homeless situation in San Francisco. Affordable housing also continues to be a major challenge for San Francisco and surrounding cities and counties. Affordable housing for our city teachers, police, Muni drivers, and fire personnel (to name a few) also is a pressing need in San Francisco.

Please consider if a navigation center is the best use of this location.  
Thank you for your careful consideration.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Tyree

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** emilycharnes  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:36 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Proposed Homeless center at Bryant and Embarcadero

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

Dear Elaine,

As a resident of this neighborhood for the last 9 years, I am strongly opposed to the navigation center being proposed at Bryant and Embarcadero. We have not been given adequate information or assurances that our safety and security will not be compromised by the city's largest navigation center. Unlike the other locations for navigation centers, which sit in much more industrial areas, our neighborhood is densely packed with residents, including many children and seniors. The prime waterfront location has a constant flow of people, families, Giants fans and concert goers.

I am extremely concerned that our neighborhood is being burdened with another navigation center, when the one at 5th and Bryant recently went up. Other neighborhoods don't share this burden. Like most people in the city, I want to be a part of the solution and do my part as a homeowner and tax payer to help reduce the number of homeless people on our streets. But this proposed location is a poor choice. We would welcome affordable or mixed housing there, and the prime waterfront location would generate tax revenue. If the proposal were for a women's shelter I would be lining up to volunteer. I wouldn't be worried about increased violence and less security on my street.

The navigation centers mostly serve a severely mentally ill and drug addicted population, many of whom are unpredictable and often volatile, if not violent. Why would we put the city's largest center in the middle of such a densely residential neighborhood? We have the Delancey Foundation here and they are wonderful neighbors. Why would the city expose the residents of Delancey, who are finding their own way back to productive, drug and crime free lives, to a potentially huge increase of people on the streets outside, doing drugs, dealing drugs, and perhaps engaging in vandalism.

Like most of my neighbors, I'm strongly against this for reasons of safety and security. We all woke up to an article in the paper 10 days ago stating this had been decided. This is not a good way to get support from a community, and I think you have to have support.

Respectfully,  
Emily Charnes

**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**From:** Ewa Switala  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Stop the Seawall Navigation Centre

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

Dear Elaine,

I live in Rincon Hill, and am writing to you in protest to opening a Navigation Centre in the area.

There are a lot of families living in the area, I myself am four months pregnant, and find the idea of bringing more mentally ill and drug addicts to a busy residential area a major security risk for which the SF Port is responsible.

The local community have also expressed their opposition to this ill-conceived idea, and I urge you not to go forward with it. There are plenty of empty warehouses in the south of the city which might be much more suitable for these purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Ewa Switala

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Fatieh Khodjasteh  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 6:20 AM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Haneystaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Your new Navigation center proposal

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

Hi from Chicago to Mayor London Breed.

Dear Mayor Breed,

My husband and I are both 68 year old physicians, planning to move to your beautiful city since both our children and our grand daughter (the joy of our life ) are living in San Francisco. Information we read about the plan for the new Navigation center prompts this email.

1) We all agree the homeless need to be helped ...In a civil society it is very odd for mentally ill people to be out on the streets , without medical help. Addiction adds to the problem. Based on information we receive, 60 to 70 % of the homeless population In SF has mental illness issues.

2) We understand the city feels the moral need for action to help these people .....BUT, they need intense medical help ( - a psychiatric help? - ) and we believe that a Navigation center will not be able to help them. It is a temporary solution which will cost the city a fortune (we read 54 Million dollars). What will be the outcome for these individuals 2 to 4 years from now ?

3) Being a charismatic mayor, your plan should consider the above suggestion and instead of spending millions on a Navigation center, build a larger construction in which a medical facility (not necessarily a hospital and with volunteer medical staff ) could take care of mentally ill individuals....Building such facility in a larger area would also take care of the safety concerns of the residents of the Embarcadero neighborhood. A Navigation center is a short sighted solution. You could make history by creating a lasting solution with mixed housing and medical facilities. Not easy to achieve, but this also how you would make history.

4) You have an "embellishment project for Embarcadero " which in our opinion will not fit with your navigation center project .

For all these reasons we ask you respectfully to reconsider this navigation center project by replacing it with a larger but better alternative

Best of luck Zara and John Sobolski

**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: I Support Homes At Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Fay Darmawi  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 9:41 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:** I Support Homes At Lot 330

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Dear Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Haney, Supervisor Peskin, and Amy Quesada,

My name is Fay Darmawi and I live at Chestnut and Columbus in North Beach, and I support the proposed Navigation Center at Lot 330, as well as a Navigation Center in D3.

Thousands of my neighbors sleep on the street every night, we need to build homes. This matter is urgent.

Thank you for your years public service to the residents of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Fay Darmawi  
San Francisco, CA

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Frank Chen  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:18 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); Frank Chen  
**Subject:** Fw: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 27, 2019

### **Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear Director Forbes,

My name is **Frank Chen**. I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 **directly across the street, a block away from, (state how close to SWL 330)** from our residential community. While we share the commitment of the City and Port to reduce homelessness, the **location** of the proposed navigation center at SWL 330 poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

### **RESIDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

#### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general.

## **Fails to Integrate with Community**

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. Any development which requires 24/7 police protection around its perimeter has no place in a thriving residential neighborhood. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

## **Risks to Public Safety**

Our building is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

## **Increase in Property Crime**

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

## **Degradation of Quality of Life**

Our building's residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

## **Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless**

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

## **Navigation Centers Belong in Non-Residential Areas**

It makes no sense to destroy a safe, upscale, desirable neighborhood for the sake of a political agenda. Intelligent city planning is about context. Navigation centers, due to their temporary nature,

should be located in industrial/commercial areas, where they **will not** pose a threat to the safety of established residential communities and families. Why place it at SWL 330, in the middle of a thriving residential community?

### **Fallacy of Locating Centers Where Homeless Are**

Also, it **is not** about placing navigation centers where the homeless are—navigation center admittance is by referral only. Locating a navigation center in a residential neighborhood by definition brings homeless to that area—**ours**—who were not there before. If the Port's goal is to reduce homelessness on Port property, the proposed navigation center will do the exact opposite.

## **PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES**

As an engaged citizen who has dutifully participated in and commented upon the numerous Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330 for over two decades, I am also deeply troubled by the City and Port proposing a navigation center at this location.

### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

Engaged citizens of the area contributed their valuable time to participate in many input sessions and workshops with both Port and City officials regarding potential land use for SWL 330. Never has our community supported a navigation center as an appropriate land use for the site. It is out of place, out of character, and inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. If community input is to be disregarded, why have we attended, participated in, and commented upon all these sessions?

### **Impedes Public Access to Waterfront**

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 navigation center 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.

### **Fails to Comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan—or Any Plans**

The use of SWL 330 for a proposed navigation center fails to comply with the SF Port Waterfront Plan or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods



Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at all? Why should the mayor be allowed to to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

## **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

## **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood's faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To "fast track" a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

### **CONCLUSION**

I remain hopeful that you, as a member of the Board of Supervisors, will fulfill your responsibilities to put the interests of the neighborhood who will be most adversely affected by the navigation center—and the citizens they represent—above politics. For the many important reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any "fast-track" legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Respectfully,

**Frank Chen**

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**To:** Fred Heslet  
**Subject:** RE: Navigation Center

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**From:** Fred Heslet <heslet007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 6:34 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Navigation Center

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In your decision please consider that you are funding and supporting a program that has and cannot work.

The Major plan is flawed and has important unanswered questions.

### **Questions Unanswered**

What are the true results of the other Navigation Centers? Results are reported as 'wonderful,' with no specific data. In a report to Ed Lee in 2017 of the 510 that left the center 323 returned to the streets. A portion of those who 'left' had bus tickets out of town.

What is the funding for the program to support one's transition?

Why is there no objective disagreement in the Major's office?

Is the center with 300 beds have the support system for counseling, housing, job training, and support to make a change?

Why is there no effort to include homeless living off the street in their cards and have jobs?

What is the impact to offer a homeless person hope in a program flawed?

What chance does a homeless person have for housing in San Francisco?

### **It is a Flawed Program**

Allowing continued use of drugs during the transition in the Navigation Center.

Allowing drugs to be used and provides a centralized opportunity for those selling drugs

The infrastructure necessary to have an impact we know takes time. Mimi Silbert pointed out (a success full program at Delancey Street) that the structure of the program is flawed.

Using behavior modification an intervention. Drugs as a reinforcer do compete with any attempt to modify behavior by reinforcement.

Nothing in the approach that addresses the established identity as a homeless person and the change necessary.

We have a political solution not one with much thought. Most of us clinical practitioners see the 'treatment' program flawed. Please consider in the Board's decision the legal responsibility of this property. What happens is a serious crime result on the site? The Centers that allow drug use and 'hope' that some choose to an accept rehab. They describe behavior modification. This is a paternal approach where the treatment power is with the therapist. Drugs are a strong reinforcer that out trump behavior modification. At the lease is the position of illegal drugs (program give permission of use and sale. Is there infrastructure there to move 300 individuals off drugs and to be clean of drugs? If they prepare one for housing is there 'low' cost housing available in San Francisco for 300. It would be

interesting to establish a support system for a small number, move off drugs, career training, job placement, job supervision and then housing. I have not seen an infrastructure to move from Centers to a healthy life. What of the 45% (or less) failures reported. Offer hope with not plan is destructive to those considering the option of recovery.

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Frederick E Heslet

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Super Max Center

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**From:** Heidi Deveau <

**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 5:22 PM

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

**Subject:** Super Max Center

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To Who It May Concern:

I have lived in Rincon Hill/ South Beach for over 10 years and moved into the area to be part of a very well thought out redevelopment plan for the area. The plan did not include a transient homeless center for 200 transient people. This action is rash and careless. To push this plan through in an area where there is already a homeless problem that is not being managed well by the City of San Francisco is irresponsible. The area has already undergone a lot of change and disruption for the sake of redevelopment. It is unreasonable to ask the residents of this area just as the redevelopment is entering the latter quarter of the plan to absorb this potentially volatile situation.

Let our area complete our redevelopment plan without being sabotaged by The City of San Francisco's politics.

Heidi Maier Deveau

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Summers, Ashley (MYR)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 6:00 PM  
**To:** Heiko Ludwig; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); DSHS (HOM)  
**Subject:** RE: Planned Embarcadero Navigation Center

Dear Heiko,

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 8<sup>th</sup>](#) 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 [DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)

Thank you again,

Ashley

### Ashley Summers

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**From:** Heiko Ludwig  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:14 PM  
**To:** Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS) <[courtney.mcdonald@sf.gov](mailto:courtney.mcdonald@sf.gov)>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sf.gov](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sf.gov)>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <[sean.elsbernd@sf.gov](mailto:sean.elsbernd@sf.gov)>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <[andrea.bruss@sf.gov](mailto:andrea.bruss@sf.gov)>; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)>; DSHS (HOM) <[dhsh@sf.gov](mailto:dhsh@sf.gov)>  
**Subject:** Planned Embarcadero Navigation Center

Dear Mayor Breed, Executive Director Forbes, Members of the Port Commission, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was surprised and dismayed to learn that a very large Navigation Center is planned on the seawall lot near the Bayside Village.

As residents of South Beach well in our second decade my wife and I noticed that the Embarcadero underwent a significant decline in the past 5 years or so. Apartment and Condo dwellers alike depend on the Embarcadero for outdoor recreation in our densely populated area. The Navigation Center will have a severe impact on the Embarcadero and it doesn't need to be here. A Navigation Center can be at any place in the city. I still remember Mayor Lee opening the first center in the Mission for the express purpose to relocate the tent camp under the 5th St underpass between Bryant and Harrison.

District 6 already hosts by far the most infrastructure for homeless, mentally ill, and otherwise needy. This is also the case for our area, with the shelter and Nav center on Bryant and 5th, a set of transitional and SRO facilities around South Park, the mental health facility on Harrison, the Methadone facility on Brannan, and the housing projects for the formerly homeless on Folsom and 4th/Channel. I'm probably missing quite a few. We do have a lot in our backyard already and we do pull our weight. Other districts don't.

I understand that City Hall may find it expedient. Historically, our district has not fought back much. However, talking to our neighbors, this proposal is where we draw the line. Most of us in South Beach are middle class and have no plan B, no house in Napa or Tahoe and no Country Club membership. The Embarcadero is our public space and it is about to get much worse with your support.

This is exacerbated by the lack of cleaning and maintenance for public space in the city, in general. In the windfall budget allocation there was a \$40M allocation for eviction support - basically paying lawyers - and not a cent for upkeep of the public space.

I urge you to reconsider 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. We bear a lot of the City's social and environmental burden. Now it's someone else's turn. We need to distribute the burden fairly and we need a moratorium on homeless services in District 6 now!

Best regards,  
Heiko Ludwig

**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**To:** Ivette Torres  
**Subject:** RE: Embarcadero Navigation Center

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

From: Ivette Torres  
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 7:34 AM  
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
Subject: Embarcadero Navigation Center

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Dear Elaine Forbes,

I have not been able to attend the public meetings on this topic because I work and have a toddler. However, I want to voice my opposition to the Embarcadero Navigation Center. I live on \_\_\_\_\_ and although I am sympathetic to the homeless crisis in San Francisco (I've lived here for 11 years), my main concern as a parent is the safety and security of my family. Already, I have had to remind my daughter to leave needles alone, and already I've had to cross the street with my daughter because of the threatening and dangerous behavior of an addict or mentally ill person. The creation of a Navigation Center just down the street from us will only add the the safety issues already faced by my family. From my discussions with other residents of the neighborhood, I know that many (probably most) share my concerns. It appears to me that most of those in support of the Navigation Center do not actually live in the neighborhood so it is easy for them to simply say, let's do it for the good of City. However, for those who will have to live with the daily impact of the Navigation Center, our perspective is different and personal.

Best,

Ivette Torres



## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: ideas to make the Safe Nav work in south beach

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**From:** Jaina Selawski <

**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:55 PM

**To:** Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS) <courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

**Subject:** ideas to make the Safe Nav work in south beach

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hello Staff - i hope you can help route these suggestions.

I can support Safe Navigation center in this neighborhood! (especially once Mr. Haney persuades the other supervisors to put them in other neighborhoods too)

why not plan for permanent, not temporary btw?

BUT that parking lot is really not the right place for it. Can we find another spot?

I can see why it's better to build for the most efficient size of services (e.g. 200 bed), but suggest phase-in \*populating it\* (e.g. ~50 at a time), to demonstrate that public safety/sanitation capability is sufficient. I am sure everything will be fine but people will need to get used to it.

thank you for your efforts to improve things for everyone.

Jaina Selawski

South Beach resident for 16 years

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** james jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 8:54 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Seawall 330

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

I like to express my opposition to **Seawall Lot 330** being considered as Navigation Center near Embacardero Street for the following reasons

1) The street and neighborhood is filled with families and tourist incl mine and I would be afraid of Violence and Loitering. I did drive by existing Navigation Centers in the city and my opposition and fear is based on what I saw at and near these existing centers. How can City guarantee existing residents Safety and Hygiene and why would city even consider such a site?

2) The site selected is not appropriate for Navigation Center . Others Navigation Centers are away from any such neighborhood

I like to register my strong opposition to this project and I will attend next city and port meeting to voice my opposition

Thanks for considering it

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Japneet Kaur  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Navigation Center

All I ask is that in order to solve one problem, another problem doesn't get created. We need to ensure law abiding citizens are safe and not put in danger due to the mental illness issues - and per recent news, this is not often addressed correctly in San Francisco.

The proposed plan is to place the navigation center right next to children. The ferry building, and its surrounding area of apartments and restaurants, attracts children from all over including those who live in San Francisco and those who are visiting.

I understand we need to address this issue. I just strongly suggest a different location as it may place children in danger as a result.

Please keep that in mind as the location of the navigation center gets addressed.

Regards,  
Japneet Giglio

On Mar 25, 2019, at 4:20 PM, Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)> wrote:

Dear Japneet,

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.

The City will host a follow-up community meeting on April 3rd to provide an update and gather additional feedback and community input on the proposed SAFE Embarcadero Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. Details of the meeting are listed below:

Community Meeting Information

Wednesday April 3, 2019

6:00 - 7:30pm

Delancey Street Foundation

600 The Embarcadero

San Francisco, CA 94107

The City will also join the South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 8th to discuss the proposed Navigation Center. Details of the meeting are as follows:

South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

South Beach Harbor Services Community Room

San Francisco, CA

Lastly, the City is open to attending other community and stakeholder meetings.

Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)

Thank you again,

Elaine Forbes

Executive Director

Port of San Francisco

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**From:** Japneet Giglio  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:02:39 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Proposed Navigation Center

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Elaine Forbes,

As a resident of San Francisco, I am already very concerned about the city's inability to control the mentally ill. I've seen heroine needles injected on my way to work. I've seen people who live on the streets having little control over their actions. As an expectant mother, it's an awful reality especially when adding a stroller to the mix.

The best part of living in South Beach is being able to walk down Embarcadero St. and enjoying the water and culture. Feeling safe enough to do this with a stroller and a newborn is critical. A temporary homeless shelter, however, will have the opposite effect. It will add an additional layer of vulnerability when it comes to safety - for me and my kid - and not to mention also significantly decrease the value of my home.

There are many areas of San Francisco. Please have the city place the shelter in another area vs on the iconic Embarcadero street.

A very concerned citizen,  
Japneet Giglio

**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Javier Salinas Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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April 3, 2019

Ms. Kimberly Brandon  
President, Port Commission  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1, The Embarcadero  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear President Brandon,

My name is Javier Salinas. I am a resident of . I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 four blocks away from our residential community. While we share the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, the location of the proposed navigation center poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to

public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

## **RESIDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

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### **Fails to Integrate with Community**

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

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or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at all? Why should the mayor be allowed to to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

## **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

## **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood's faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To "fast track" a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

### **CONCLUSION**

I remain hopeful that you, as fellow citizens and members of the Port Commission, will fulfill your responsibilities to put the interests of the neighborhood who will be most adversely affected by the navigation center—and the citizens they represent—above politics. For the many important reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any "fast-track" legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Sincerely,

Javier Salinas

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Input on Proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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**From:** Jeanne Lyons <

**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 1:05 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** Input on Proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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London, Sean, Andrea, Amy, Elaine,

I am extremely opposed to the navigation center that is planned for the sea wall lot location on the Embarcadero and will fight it all the way...and you should too:

1) Haney said he wanted "[Mayor] Breed to select a site in every district for a homeless Navigation Center rather than continuing to build only in Districts Six, Nine and Ten." We will have 2 in our district.

2) The existing navigation centers have been an experiment and have not yet been determined as effective, why would you scale it? If you look at the existing one in the Dogpatch, there are homeless encampments in close proximity like Warm Water Cove is 500 feet from the Dogpatch Navigation Center and Islais Creek which is less than 2,000 feet away. It doesn't solve the problem and only breeds more homeless people hanging around trashing the neighborhood.

3) We don't have affordable housing for teachers, nurses, firefighters, hotel workers etc. in the city...why are we prioritizing this location for the homeless who won't be able to afford the cost of living in SF even if they have a roof over their head? Not everyone can live in SF especially with a waterfront view.

4) One night at 10:30 when coming home from my volunteer obligation, I was at the Van Ness station and helped a young man who was new to homelessness and a runaway from Portland a couple of days before. He wanted to get back to the place where he threw his luggage in a bush on the Embarcadero and didn't quite know where it was located. He complained about how mean everyone was in SF and how I was so nice to him. While I felt terrible for him and his plight, I can't fix it for him...nor do I think the taxpayers of San Francisco should have to be burdened with everyone who has arrived on a one way greyhound ticket from other places in the country (aka reference to the mayor of Las Vegas sending homeless here)

5) Most importantly, I no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. I understand that I live in a city with its inherent risks, but I don't see why we have to tolerate a decline in safety. In broad daylight, a friend and I had to run from an aggressive, angry homeless person who was running after us with a large chunk of metal over near Red's Java House. When I work from home, I have often looked out the window to see a homeless person peeing on the building across the street, vandalizing cars (in broad daylight) and simply screeching in a psychotic rage (only a few examples). My brother and his family were chased by a homeless person when walking home from the Ferry Building one night that caused my nephew to have nightmares for the next 2 nights and affected the whole family's vacation. They said that they were not interested in me visiting again in San Francisco. Also, one of his main observations was that there was no police presence in San Francisco...this has been the case since I've lived here especially along the Embarcadero.

I advocate for the following:

- examining the true success or failure of these centers before deciding to scale up
- blocking the building of the nav center proposed for the seawall lot location on the Embarcadero
- giving the SF communities the visibility and enough time to weigh in on these proposals
- getting visibility into the specific spend on homelessness in the city which I understand could be upwards of \$700M this year

Regards,  
Jeanne

**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Navigation center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Jeff Mroczkowski **Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Navigation center

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Amy,

I wanted to email you to voice my concern over the proposed navigation center on seawall lot 330. My wife and I have lived in this neighborhood for 10 years and also work in San Francisco. We are concerned about the impact to this area that the largest navigation center in the city would have. I don't see any data at from the city communicating that they have done any sort of analysis as to how this would change the area. I have emailed the city twice with a few questions but they did not reply either time. Please help us keep this area safe and clean.

Thank you for your time,  
Jeff

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** FW: In support of the Nav Center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111  
415-274-0405  
[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)

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**From:** Jeffrey Trull  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** In support of the Nav Center

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Hi Amy,

I am writing in support of the proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero. We have a serious homelessness problem and we must act in every neighborhood to resolve it - even the wealthy ones :) I regret that I'm unable to attend the meeting on April 23 in person but I wanted my feelings to be recorded.

Best Wishes,  
Jeff Trull

**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**From:** Jennifer Baron  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** Haneystaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Proposed navigation center

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## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**To:** jennifer mcspadden  
**Subject:** RE: NO Navigation Center on the Embarcadero!!

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**From:** jennifer mcspadden  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; McDonald, Courtney (BOS) <courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <andrea.bruss@sfgov.org>; Brandon, Kimberly (PRT) <Kimberly.Brandon@SFGOV1.onmicrosoft.com>; Adams, Willie (PRT) <WilliamEugene.Adam@SFGOV1.onmicrosoft.com>; Gail.Gilman@sfport.com; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; DSHS (HOM) <dhsh@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** NO Navigation Center on the Embarcadero!!

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Dear Mayor Breed: Please do not short circuit the process regarding the proposed new Navigation Center on the Embarcadero!

This is NOT the right place for it and would be very detrimental to our neighborhood - where I have lived for 16 years! There are other places in San Francisco better suited to helping our homeless population - PLEASE find another spot!

The Embarcadero waterfront is so important to the City of San Francisco and making a huge change like this needs to be taken seriously - thanks for doing it right for those of us who live here now - and generations to come.

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**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**From:** Jerry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:34 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Haneystaff (BOS); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); McDonald, Courtney (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless shelter in South Beach?

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No matter the number of beds, a shelter, especially 24/7 will ATTRACT homeless to the area. This is NOT the right place for the shelter. It would draw homeless, and put them RIGHT IN THE PATHWAY of many residents, commuters, tourists, and attendees to SF Giants or other local events like FleetWeek, and local businesses. I live nearby (as a renter...and not a rich one), and I see the flow of people on game and event days, and this would be right in their pathway.

Even if there is security at the shelter, that WON'T HELP the problems that will exist in the areas around the shelter...which I have seen including trespassing, and even breaking of building windows... and the other usual problems.

You need to find locations that would not impact so many, and not put a blight in a place where so many enjoy SF.

I'm a concerned resident, but prefer to keep my name confidential (the name in email address is not a real name).  
Thank you.

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Jessica Millstein  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Cc:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Randolph (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: SOUTH BEACH NAVIGATION CENTER

Amy,  
Thank you for your response, it's nice to know that my concerns were heard. I do understand the kinds of pressures that the port is under with dealing with the homeless on the property. I think the hard part that we all face is that the homeless come to the port because that's where all the tourists are. It's hard to say if they would continue to come back to the port if the location of the services were further away. The big question with all of this is will the people in question actually want the help and take it? I don't think that they can be forced into the facility and some might not want to go. I hope that we can come up with a plan that will make everyone happy.  
Best Regards,  
Jessica

On Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 1:51 PM Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)> wrote:

Dear Jessica,

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.

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Wednesday April 3, 2019

6:00 - 7:30pm

Delancey Street Foundation

600 The Embarcadero

San Francisco, CA 94107

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San Francisco, CA

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Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)

Thank you again,

*Amy Quesada*

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**From:** Jessica Millstein \_\_\_\_\_

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:02 PM

**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>; Haneystaff (BOS) <[haneystaff@sfgov.org](mailto:haneystaff@sfgov.org)>; McDonald, Courtney (BOS) <[courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org](mailto:courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org)>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <[sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org](mailto:sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org)>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <[andrea.bruss@sfgov.org](mailto:andrea.bruss@sfgov.org)>; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)>; Brandon, Kimberly (PRT)

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Wednesday March 20, 2019

Mayor Breed and associates, Mr. Haney and associates, SF Port and DSHS members,

My name is Jessica Millstein. I am a home owner at \_\_\_\_\_ and have lived there since July of 2010. It's taken me a while to compose this email, but seeing that this project is being fast tracked I feel the need to voice my opinion and concerns now. I would attend the meetings, but I work retail and with everything being so short notice for the community, I have not been able to break free from work to have my voice heard in person.

Like many people in the South Beach neighborhood I have my reservations about the Navigation center that you want to put at Seawall lot 330. I understand the need for facilities to help the chronically homeless, but I do not feel that this location should be considered for this kind of project.

It feels like the city is trying to push this on the neighborhood in a very rushed manner. I am sorry to say but I do not believe you when you say that it is going to be a temporary location. Nothing personal Mayor Breed but many of us feel that Mayor Ed Lee habitually lied to his constituents to get programs passed that were not fully thought out, costing the city millions of dollars. There is still a great lack of trust because of that and it's not being rebuilt with the haste in which decisions are being made about this facility and its proposed location.

I understand that finding the proper location is not an easy task and there are many components involved in making the right decision. Had a location been secured before closing the Navigation center in the Mission I do not believe that we would not be in this position right now. What I'm not understanding is that you are closing the center to build affordable housing, so why wasn't Seawall lot 330 considered for that kind of project instead of a navigation center?

I understand that many spots were turned down due to concerns of leasing costs, renovation costs or neighborhood push back. Where you not concerned about the push back that you would get from our neighborhood? If everything is temporary like you say why do you need to do extensive renovations? If buildings or plots of land have been sitting unused for a year or more and the asking rents/leases were to high what kind of ultimatum was given to the owners of those building/land locations? Did you say that if they couldn't get a market value lessor or sell within 6 months that you were going to invoke the city's use of eminent domain to lease the property at a below market rate for 4 years and offer them a tax break? What about 820 Bryant Street, the location of a county jail for 650 people, why can't you build a mental hospital and a navigation center combination there? You know something more permanent, so we aren't wasting money on temporary fixes? The homeless and their needs are more important than criminals to me.

As you can see my concerns are first and foremost the fact that this location can and should be used for a more permanent project. Veterans who have protected this country and senior citizens who have lived and worked in this community, both who are on fixed incomes, deserve to have affordable housing in such a beautiful location on the

water; not drug addicts or people who are chronically homeless because they don't want to follow the rules of homeless shelters. Or how about we build a Delancey Street extension, FOR WOMEN?!?!? The project has worked wonders for men why have women been left out? You can create a similar building with a café and retail and the woman can have the same kind of program with the discipline and responsibilities that the men have. Neighborhood HOAs would be more accepting of these kinds of project especially seeing the lack of concessions you are offering them and the "just get over it, the navigation center is happening" attitude that Sonja Strauss has so aggressively reiterated to her non-constituents in D6.

Choosing to put a navigation center, with 200+ beds and little to no rules is not only a poorly thought out idea but a reckless disregard of public safety, especially with the number of tourists and families who walk to the baseball, and soon, basketball games. There have already been several verbal and physical attacks on residents at and near that location. Many neighborhood residents do not feel that they can trust the SF Police to keep them safe now let alone when you have 200+ people coming and going as they please. Not having rules about sobriety is also a major major concern. We all know that drug dealers come to this city and target many of the people that you want to help. Don't you think it's a bad idea to have that kind of element so close to Delancey Street???

I unfortunately feel that there is not much that I can say to change your minds about why this shouldn't happen in this location because I feel that you have already decided that it's happening so let me at least offer an idea that could make acceptance a little easier for the neighborhood now and the city in the future.

As everyone knows the majority of homeless centers/services and the homeless are located in D6. Those of us who have chosen to live in D6 feel like our voices and concerns are not being heard because of such groups as YIMBY, who it's been noted clearly bused in people for the initial meetings, yet we are still asked to pay our fair share of taxes.

If you feel it absolutely necessary to disregard neighborhood concerns you might want to offer an incentive that will help their home values stay stable and not drop. I propose that you look at the 11 districts of SF and adjust the tax rate percentage that their property taxes are assessed. The rate would reflect the number of homeless/navigation centers those districts have. For example I feel the districts should have the following tax rates:

District 1 – 2.2%  
District 2 – 2.5%  
District 3 – 2.2%  
District 4 – 1.5%  
District 5 – 2.0%  
District 6 - .75%  
District 7 – 1.3%  
District 8 -1.75%  
District 9 - .8%  
District 10 - .8%  
District 11 – 1.3%

I also propose that any residential building that falls within a 2700 ft (3 NYC block) radius of a navigation center only have to pay a 0.2% tax rate during the time that a facility exists. If you are going to force me to have a facility like this in my back yard that is not a sound business decision for the entire city, I don't want to pay you the same tax rate that the rest of the city, who is not being forced into this kind of situation, pays.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts and feelings.  
Jessica Millstein

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 6:10 PM  
**To:** Joe Petitti  
**Subject:** Re: Please No -Seawall Lot 330-navigation center

No, I am a Mayoral appointed Department head and I serve at the pleasure of the Port Commission.

I do appreciate you reaching out and understand your concerns. I do hope you participate in upcoming meetings and share your thoughts with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Best,  
Elaine

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 22, 2019, at 5:21 PM, Joe Petitti [wrote:](#)

Thanks Elaine - are you in a elected position?  
If so when does your term expire?

On Mar 22, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Forbes, Elaine (PRT) [wrote:](#)

Dear Joe,

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Executive Director

Port of San Francisco

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**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Please No -Seawall Lot 330-navigation center

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**From:** Joe Petitti \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** March 19, 2019 at 9:59:45 AM MST  
**To:** [laura.lynch@sfgov.org](mailto:laura.lynch@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330-navigation center

Dear Ms. Forbes,  
I am a resident of the

@

street.

I strongly oppose the establishment of this navigation center.

The quality of life issues are significant for all of us residents that are adjacent to this proposed project.

The issues are at a minimum:

- Safety of residents and their children

- Public nuisance issues

- Open drug and alcohol use

- Loitering 24/7 of homeless

- public defecation

Increased police efforts will not solve most of these issues

because they are relatively powerless to arrest or charge the homeless for their regular behaviors.

Sent from my iPhone

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** John Greco  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 7:12 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330

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Elaine,

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.

Regards,

John G. Greco

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** FW: I support the Navigation Center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
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Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** John Lisovsky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** I support the Navigation Center

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Dear Ms. Quesada,

I write in support of Mayor Breed's SAFE Navigation Center at the Seawall Lot 330. San Francisco is struggling with an unprecedented homelessness epidemic, and the only way to fix it is with homeless shelters, navigation centers, and permanent supportive housing. Mayor Breed is keeping her promise to the voters with this proposal, and the NIMBY neighbors who are trying to stop her do not speak for San Francisco's voters, who delivered the Mayor her victory last June, on an explicit platform of more housing at every level.

Please communicate to the Port Commission my support for the Navigation Center, and preferably as large as possible — the 225 bed original plan is perfectly reasonable, but a 1,000-bed center would be better still.

Sincerely,

John Lisovsky

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**To:** Jonathan Mayes  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Embarcadero Navigation Center -- Seawall

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**From:** Jonathan Mayes <jonathanmayes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 6:11 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfort.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed Embarcadero Navigation Center -- Seawall

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

My wife and I are registered voters and reside in the Rincon Hill Area. We respectfully urge you to oppose efforts to place a second Navigation Center (NC) in our district. I understand the majority of other SF districts do not have one NC and it is unfair and inequitable place an additional one here. The East Cut organization survey has shown that we have far fewer than 225 homeless people typically sleep in our neighborhood. Better to place the facility where there is a greater need, rather than creating a new hub in a different neighborhood.

What's more, this location is attractive and appealing to many tourists who may experience a Giants game or walk the Embarcadero while in town. Having a NC in that area is unlikely to positively enhance their experience or cause them to want to return. In addition, with the new high-rise, high density developments in the Rincon Hill area (e.g., Mira, The Avery) this is increasingly a family area with children. A school or park is a much better use of this prime real estate area.

Please vote "no" on this effort, and explore other districts for this facility.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mayes, Esq.

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: I support the Navigation Center in the Embarcadero -- why isn't it larger?

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** José Pablo González <[jpgonzalez@sfgov.org](mailto:jpgonzalez@sfgov.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 1:06 PM  
**To:** Haneystaff (BOS) <[haneystaff@sfgov.org](mailto:haneystaff@sfgov.org)>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)>  
**Subject:** I support the Navigation Center in the Embarcadero -- why isn't it larger?

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Hello,

I want to thank you for your efforts to build a Navigation Center in the Embarcadero. I live in 94105 zip code, and I am excited for our neighborhood to be part of the solution for people who find themselves without a home.

I have a question -- I understand the Navigation Center is only going to take 50% of the space of the lot? Why not make it larger?

Thanks,  
Jose

**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**From:** Josephine Wong  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:28 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Cc:** Josephine Wong  
**Subject:** Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall lot 330

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Dear Port Commissioners,

Please vote on April 23 to disapprove Mayor Breed 's proposed Navigation Center to house 225 homeless people every 6 weeks on Seawall lot 330.

It is the worst use for the Port, and for the neighborhoods. Please pursue the best interest of the Port !

It absolutely makes no sense to me that Mayor Breed is willing to gather and house 225 known mental and drug using homeless people every 7 weeks at the Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall lot 330.

There are thousands of law abiding residents living next to and close by Seawall lot 330. Their Safety and Health will definitely be negatively affected by these homeless people. Their children will be afraid to play in the nearby playgrounds.

Benefiting couple hundreds homeless people but yet ignore the effect on thousands of residents living close by is Terrible and Heartless. It just confirms to me some politicians are indeed heartless, they only want a quick political fix and ignore the thousands whose lives will be negatively affected.

Navigation centers shall never be allowed to be located in area of densely populated neighborhoods.

There are good reasons why mental hospitals are located in sparsely populated area, or away from any neighborhood.

I am a senior citizen and I am opposed to the proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330.

Josephine Wong

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Juanita Luna  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:** RivamonteMesa, Abigail (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Mahogany, Honey (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Haneystaff (BOS); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); DHSH (HOM); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** info@sfresidents.com  
**Subject:** Engage The ENTIRE SF Community On Navigation Centers

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The Mayor's legislation to fast-track homeless shelters is deeply flawed. The ordinances give the Mayor extraordinary emergency powers and remove the Board of Supervisors' oversight over the process of building shelters. Homelessness is a very real problem that we all need to help solve. However, completely removing meaningful community engagement and Board oversight is no way to achieve a lasting solution. We are now getting a preview of what the Mayor plans to do across the City if given emergency powers. She recently announced plans to build a 225-bed waterfront homeless shelter on The Embarcadero in the middle of a densely populated family neighborhood. The process of picking the site was shrouded in secrecy with no input from citizens or Supervisors. Residents first learned of the plan from the newspaper.

I agree with the Mayor's ultimate goal in addressing this tragic issue. However, eliminating process and not having all districts finally participate is flawed. If the other districts participated as fully as District 6 has, the city would make MUCH more progres.

I urge you to reject the fast-track ordinances (190045 and 190047).

Please, please listen to your community. We all care deeply about the tragic homeless situation. But ALL DISTRICTS must participate. District 6 has fully participated and will again after others do their part. Please respect appropriate process and please listen to us. There are many young families in this neighborhood.

With respect,  
Juanita Luna





## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Judy Lin  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:24 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Concerns regarding proposed Navigation Center at SW330

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

My husband and I have been residents in South Beach since 2008. We are mindful of the homeless problem in San Francisco and consider it the city's most urgent challenge. We are supportive of the Navigation Centers. However, we urge a more thoughtful approach to the current proposal to build a 200 bed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

We have the following concerns with the current proposal:

- SW330 is the most valuable property the Port has. Its development has long been earmarked to rehabilitate Pier 30/32. The Port also requires funds to prevent inundation from rising sea level. Using this site for a Navigation Center for a 4-year period financially hamstrings the Port's current efforts to find solutions for these infrastructure issues.
- Previous Navigation Centers were located away from homes (Dogpatch) or in primarily commercial areas (Mission, Civic Center, 5<sup>th</sup> & Bryant). The South Beach neighborhood is 90% residential. In fact, this center will be adjacent to several condominium and apartment complexes housing thousands of families. We need to understand its impact on residents.
- This Navigation Center is more 2-3 times the size of other navigation at 200 beds. The city has not demonstrated that such a large center can operate without causing safety and health issues. It should not build the first 200 bed center in a residential area.
- The Embarcadero is a prime tourist and resident amenity. Thousands of people run, walk or bike everyday past this site. Tens of thousands of Giants/Warrior fans and concert-goers will be walking past it 150-200 nights a year. The implementation must be done carefully to avoid creating an eyesore, or worse yet, a health or safety hazard

For all these reasons, we urge a more deliberate process that engages your constituents. Please don't ram through such a project without the neighbors' input!

Judy & Alan Dundas

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Kalah Espinoza  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** Haney, Matt (BOS); ourtney.McDonald@sfgov.org; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Gail Gilman  
**Subject:** Note in Support of the proposed Navigation Center

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Dear Mayor Breed and all whom it concerns:

I live at \_\_\_\_\_ and I understand there is a Navigation Center that has been proposed for the vacant parking lot at the corner of Bryant and Embarcadero. I know many of my neighbors are speaking up in opposition to this center, and I would like to speak up in favor of it.

My position is, the San Francisco community has a homelessness problem and the burden to solve it rests on all of our shoulders. What I have read about Navigation Centers is that they seem to be having a positive impact on addressing the problem, and so developing more of them seems like a responsible decision.

What does concern me is that the city has not been a responsible steward of most of the public projects it has been responsible for, MUNI expansion and Salesforce transit centers stand out, and I do not have much confidence that the city will responsibly manage the center. I hope you will all consider a viable plan for managing this property so that it is successful, and consider that the lack of trust my neighbors and I are expressing is well-earned by the city.

Lastly, if the city is asking neighborhoods to step up the plate to address the housing and homelessness crisis, as we should, I hope the city looks inward at how it continues to contribute to the problem. The city and state continue to focus on that things like rent control and vacancy have been proven not to help solve housing affordability, but do little to help streamline housing development that does. We need more housing at all levels (lower, middle and upper) in all parts of the city.

I support the Navigation Center, and I applaud your leadership Mayor Breed, it takes courage to streamline these projects. I also commend your recent comments on housing development, and hope you know there are many in the community like me that support you in your housing mission.

Thank you,

Kalah Espinoza

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Kalah Espinoza

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Kambiz Yeganegi  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 1:36 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Cc:** Quesada, Randolph (PRT); Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Navigation Center - Upcoming Meetings

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We are not saying the waterfront is an exception. We are saying that this location is just a horrible choice and that it's disadvantages way outweighs its advantages, and we're saying that district 6 already has a center and one on its border. It seems like other districts are an exception.

How could it be an exception when it already has two centers and most others don't. Could there be a political reason for this choice?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2019, at 15:53, Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon everyone,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your emails and letters to the Port of San Francisco. On behalf of the Port Commission and the Port Director, 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 City is hosting a second community meeting on April 3rd to provide an update and gather additional feedback and community input on the proposed SAFE Embarcadero Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. Details of the meeting are listed below:

**Community Meeting Information**

Wednesday April 3, 2019

6:00 - 7:30pm

Delancey Street Foundation

600 The Embarcadero

San Francisco, CA 94107

The City will also join the South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 8th to discuss the proposed Navigation Center. Details of the meeting are as follows:

**South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE**

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**CLOUDFLARE**

**101 TOWNSEND STREET**

San Francisco, CA

Lastly, the City is open to attending other community and stakeholder meetings. Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHSH@sfgov.org](mailto:DHSH@sfgov.org)

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*

Port of San Francisco

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415-274-0405

[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Navigation Center on Embarcadero

Thanks,

Amy Quesada  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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

From: Kambiz Yeganegi <  
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:25 PM  
To: Quesada, Randolph (PRT) <randolph.quezada@sfport.com>  
Cc: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
Subject: Re: Navigation Center on Embarcadero

Dear Mr Quesada

Thank you for your response.

I REPEAT:

We are aware of the homeless crisis in SF and empathize with it and have and will support the homeless.

However there are the thousands of residents that live in district 6 as well and not just the homeless.

The damage and danger the thousands will face way outweighs the benefit to the 230 homeless, and the Mayor seems to be totally oblivious to us the tax payers and residents, and it seems like the port authorities are the same.

It's against our Constitution for the governing bodies to impose their will on the people, and this location was chosen without the approval of the residents.

This is what big government looks like, I guess. We will fight this to the end and if the authorities impose this on us we will express ourselves in the voting booths.

Sincerely

Kam Yeganegi

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 20, 2019, at 08:45, Quesada, Randolph (PRT) <randolph.quezada@sfport.com> wrote:

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> Dear Kam and Homa,

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> Rip Mallow forwarded your message on to me regarding the proposed Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330.

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> 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. Today, the City will be joining a special Joint meeting of the Central Waterfront and Northeast Waterfront Advisory Groups tomorrow, to present the proposal, and gather additional feedback and input. Details of the meeting are listed below:

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> Joint CWAG and NEWAG Meeting Information Wednesday, March 20  
 > 5:30-7:30pm Pier 1, The Embarcadero  
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 > The City will also join the South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 8th.  
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 > 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 SAFE Embarcadero Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330.  
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 > Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the  
 > Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)  
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 > Thank you again,  
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 > Communications Director  
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 > -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Malloy, Rip (PRT)  
 > Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:39 AM  
 > To: Quezada, Randolph (PRT)  
 > Cc: Amaro, Demetri (PRT); Martin, Michael (PRT)  
 > Subject: FW: Navigation Center on Embarcadero  
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 > -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Kambiz Yeganegi  
 > Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:00 PM  
 > To: Malloy, Rip (PRT)  
 > Subject: Navigation Center on Embarcadero  
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 > Dear Mr Malloy

> I know there's an advisory board meeting RE this unbelievably idiotic project which was put forth by Mayor Breed.

> My wife and I reside at the Watermark building which is adjacent to the parking lot this center is being planned to be built.

> We're in the West Coast right now and we were hoping that you'd kindly have the Board hear our voice RE this matter.

> While we support aiding the homeless in our city, we totally oppose the location the City geniuses came up with due to the following reasons:

> 1) From an economic point of view this is the most expensive location the Port owns estimated to be worth over \$30 million. It generates about \$800, 000 annually just in parking space income. Any income producing project such as shops and cafes or a boutique hotel could generate millions for the port and the city. So in addition to the cost of building and supporting this center for 230 individuals it would be a multi million dollar opportunity loss of income for our City and Port.

> 2) This location is known as the jewel of SF. It has an unbelievable view of the Bay Bridge and the Bay and it is the pathway for tourists and spectators of the Giants and the Warriors which consist of millions of sightseers and fans of our two teams and obviously the premises that will be built will ruin the beauty of Embarcadero and create much trouble for the passerbyers. This will damage our tourism industry and small businesses in the neighborhood.

> 3) From a social point of view this center will dramatically impact the safety And cleanliness of our neighborhood as drugs will be openly used in this premises and syringes and other paraphernalia will be disposed and scattered in the neighborhood, crime is a known fact about the homeless community and recently the noticeable in crime rates of the homeless was on the news. Police response to calls in neighborhood has been reported to be over 20 minutes. For heavens sakes families with children and seniors as well as others who reside in the neighborhood often take a stroll on this block and either pass by this location in drones or some even use the parking lot have their children play in.

> 4) There are more preschool and childcare facilities in this neighborhood than in any other in SF. Our children and their caretakers face much danger.

> 5) There has been attacks on seniors, joggers, strollers, and children by the homeless in the neighborhood while there are only a few homeless here. Just imagine what could happen if hundreds of mostly addicts and mentally disturbed people are gathered in one place in the neighborhood.

> 6) District 6 already has two navigation centers and most other districts in the city don't have any.

> How come?

> 7) One side of the spectrum there are the 200 homeless which we all empathize with and want to help, and on the other side of the spectrum there are the thousands of residents, families, homeowners, businesses, passerbyers, and tourists that will be effected by the certain number of issues that such centers bring to any neighborhoods such as drugs, crime, and an unpleasant environment. The question is should thousands face danger and an infested environment in order to help a few hundred? Can there not be a better location so that it's not a drastic lose/win situation?

> 8) The authorities who run the Navigation Centers have limited resources and not a proven record of success. They have managed a few much smaller centers with still outstanding unsolved issues that have spilled out into the neighborhoods.

> Who will take responsibility for the consequences of these centers some of which could be traumatic for the residents of adjacent neighborhoods. Will Mayor Breed take responsibility???

> 9) Last but not least from a structural point of view two prominent architects have testified that building even light temporary buildings poses quite a bit of geological and structural issues and hazards in this location if the infrastructure is not overhauled and rebuilt in a major way.

> So as you can see this location simply DOES NOT MAKE SENSE from every angle you look at it.

> The City stands to lose, the public stands to lose, the residents stand to lose, and there'll be a significant loss of property and business values.

> Thank you for your time and attention and we would appreciate it if you have the board hear us as well.

> Respectfully,

> Kam & Homa Yeganegi

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> Sent from my iPhone



## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Seawall Lot 330 - Homeless Navigation Center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111  
415-274-0405  
[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)

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**From:** Karen Justis  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)>  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330 - Homeless Navigation Center

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Dear Amy,

I remain aligned with Mayor London Breed in wanting to help solve the issue of homelessness in San Francisco. I voted for her, and I voted for the initiatives to grant more funding for this. However, we are not in alignment regarding her proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330 as a homeless solution for a host of reasons.

I believe this is a lose-lose situation, and a center at this site is bad for the homeless, bad for the Port of San Francisco and bad for the neighboring residents.

I do not believe homeless people will thrive at this location void of hospitals, government services, mental health facilities, food distribution centers and affordable food options close by. Additionally, this is an extremely congested area with thousands of commuters on all surrounding streets getting onto the Bay Bridge and thousands of event-goers and tourists. Police and emergency medical vehicles will have much difficulty entering and exiting the area to provide the necessary support for all.

It is already challenging for the Port to manage the tremendous, varied activities of residents and visitors as pedestrians, bicyclists, scooters, skateboarders and pedicab utilizers along the Embarcadero. There is a high likelihood that this proposed Navigation center would become a magnet for more encampments, increase crime and create more liability.

Seawall Lot 330 is not an environmentally sound location and is an asphalt parking lot not retrofitted for a strong earthquake, which all experts agree is imminent. This is a liquefaction zone with chemicals near the surface of the asphalt. It could be dangerous for the homeless and nearby residents to especially fast-track this project without important, competent environmental reviews. Without these reviews, the Port would have liability for any construction that adversely impacted the Watermark building and its residents should there be any water, gas and sewage tie-ins.

Seawall Lot 330 is located in a densely populated residential area with many children, and for residents this will be bad. A large homeless population will be imported into South Beach and so will crime. The economically challenged homeless are not the issue; rather, it's the plethora of homeless who are suffering from mental illness and who are practicing drug addicts and alcoholics. I have relatives in these 3 categories, and I can assure you that no navigation center solves the core issues of mental illness, and drug and alcohol addiction, especially with a no-use policy inside but use-allowance outside in perimeter areas. It's hospitals and rehab facilities that are needed as well as a willingness to become well, clean and sober. These elements are not addressed and are missing from this proposed navigation center.

I own and live in a condominium close to Seawall Lot 330. I am hardworking and pay hefty property taxes; taxes which automatically increase by 2% per year. With this action of importing homelessness into our neighborhood and further loading up on and discriminating against District 6, Mayor Breed will be diminishing, for me and my neighbors, quality of life, safety, property values and value as reliable, law-abiding residents of SF. This plan sacrifices my neighbors and I in order to help those who are homeless. I am not responsible for the homeless situation nor are my residential neighbors; yet, the mayor is asking us to bear the brunt of the burden while stating repeatedly that all districts need to share in having shelters.

The fast-tracking of this navigation center without true consideration of and input from the community has created tremendous chaos and stress, press and legal action. Completely unnecessary! I have to believe that her intentions were not to be divisive; however, that is what the outcome is. This divisiveness sets up the project for failure with negativity surrounding all aspects, including maintenance, if it is approved and pushed through.

I wholeheartedly urge you to pause, reconsider the overall impact of a homeless center on the prime Embarcadero property Seawall Lot 330, protect my rights and those of my neighbors and decide that there are other, more viable solutions that can and will be better to pursue for the homeless. I ask you to please forgo this site as an option.

Sincerely,  
Karen Justis

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**To:** Kevin Tu  
**Subject:** RE: Oppose Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

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**From:** Kevin Tu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Oppose Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Elaine,

I am writing in response to the proposed construction of a navigation center in my community, on Seawall Lot 330. Over the past few weeks, I have just learned about this project and am surprised at the speed by which this proposal is being pushed through. I have serious concerns about the plan and with the process at which this is being handled.

I have lived in this community for quite some time, and being a long time resident here I am well aware of the homeless issues we face in this city. I agree that we need to make an effort to help those in need. While I support the establishment of additional homeless and navigation centers, **I strongly oppose of placing it literally in the midst of a dense residential neighborhood.** The proposed location of Seawall Lot 330 is **IMMEDIATELY** adjacent to large clusters of condos and apartments. Families of all sorts live in this neighborhood, with children and elderly, who have made the conscious decision to live in this neighborhood due to many factors around its safety, health conditions, and environment. To construct a center like that would be to seriously jeopardize these conditions everyday for current and new residents. In addition, the nature of **this location being right on the Embarcadero means it is a high pedestrian traffic area for commuters and for residents of the neighborhood alike, the safety of whom would all be affected.**

My family and I are expecting our first child. While this itself is exciting, I cannot in good conscious say I feel safe allowing my wife to walk around the neighborhood with a new baby if this center were built here. Addressing the homeless needs should be a shared responsibility across the entire city of San Francisco, and not just in this district, which has been the site for multiple navigation centers and homeless centers. I believe there is a right place and a wrong place to build a navigation center, and within a family-friendly residential neighborhood is not.

I am extremely disappointed and concerned in the course this has taken, and I hope the Port of SF strongly considers the repercussions this has on the safety, health, and overall well being of residents in this community.

Kevin Tu  
resident of District 6

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** laura.berner  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 29, 2019

Port Commission  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1, The Embarcadero  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear All,

My name is **Laura Berner**. I am a resident of . I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 blocks away from our residential community. While we share the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, the location of the proposed navigation center poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

### **RESIDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

#### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general.

#### **Fails to Integrate with Community**

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

#### **Risks to Public Safety**

Our building is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

#### **Increase in Property Crime**

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

#### **Degradation of Quality of Life**

Our building's residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

#### **Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless**

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

## PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES

As an engaged citizen who has faithfully participated in and commented upon the numerous Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330 for over two decades, I am most deeply troubled by the Port and City for proposing a navigation center at this location.

### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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**From:** laura berner  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)>;  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 29, 2019

Port Commission

Port of San Francisco

Pier 1, The Embarcadero

San Francisco, CA 94111

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**Subject:** FW: Build it for the kids!

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**From:** Laura Fingal-Surma **Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 9:57 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:** Fwd: Build it for the kids!

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**From:** Laura Fingal-Surma

**Date:** Thu, Apr 4, 2019 at 9:59 AM  
**Subject:** Build it for the kids!  
**To:** <[DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)>

My partner works two blocks away from the proposed navigation center, and our children are transferring to a daycare near there very soon. The kids are all right, and the expansion of navigation center capacity will improve the experience of children all over our city who encounter troubling street behavior on a daily basis, such as on the commute to their present daycare served by Civic Center Station. In the absence of available navigation centers, the waiting rooms are on our streets.

We must do better, and the Mayor is admirably leading the charge, doing what San Franciscans elected her to do. It is shameful that NIMBYs are intentionally wasting our tax dollars through opposition and pressure to decrease the capacity of this center. A reduction in size would be less cost-effective, and most importantly, less effective at actually sheltering people.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with this site. In fact, it seems superior to the existing sites in many ways such as its size and excellent transit access.

The best investment of our collective tax dollars is in demonstrating that efforts to undermine the navigation center program and similar necessities for the greater good will not succeed. That wealthier neighborhoods, including my own

(Noe Valley), will not get a pass. That neighborhoods may shape the details of new navigation centers but not threaten their existence or capacity.

Also, I think the designs that were presented were actually quite beautiful. Especially compared to the status quo of a surface parking lot which is a ridiculous land use in such a premium location.

Thank you,  
Laura Fingal-Surma

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Safe Embarcadero for All

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Lea Bowmer >  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Safe Embarcadero for All

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## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Leo Quilici  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 1:00 PM  
**To:** Haneystaff (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); DSHS (HOM)  
**Cc:** McDonald, Courtney (BOS); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Mega Navigation Center on Lot 330

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Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney,

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Sincerely,



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**From:** Leo Quilici <  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Mega Navigation Center on Lot 330

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California residents, especially those in SF, rely upon the Port to protect the integrity of the waterfront aesthetically, legally, financially and safety interests of all.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Lilianna Liu  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 10:55 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Cc:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
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I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any “fast-track” legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Respectfully,

Lilianna Liu-Janders

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Navigation Center

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**From:** B G <bloomiesgirl000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 5:02 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Navigation Center

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Hi Amy,

Thank you for the note.

I am very disappointed by the community meeting held after the hearing at the SF Port Commission. The Delancey Street meeting seemed to be taken over by people who do not live in this neighborhood. Mayor's office painted a peachy picture, promising security, inviting someone from DogPatch to tell us not to worry. Why having someone who lives 8 or 9 blocks away from the DogPatch Navigation Center tell people who are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Navigation Center?

The proposed Sea Wall Lot 330 is the **WRONG** place for a Navigation Center. There are thousands of people living, working within 1 block of the Sea Wall Lot 330. There is so much foot traffic along Embarcadero. Can anyone guarantee no homelessness, no drugs, no needles, no crimes, no mental health patients on the street within a few blocks of the Navigation Center? Can anyone guarantee the safety of the residents in the neighborhood? I don't think so.

We all have experiences with people promising things that they cannot keep. Please understand that it's the residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site that get affected the most. We are not talking about an industrial zone. This is a high density residential neighborhood we are talking about, In addition, tourists and anyone who walks on Embarcadero can be affected.

About homelessness issue in the city, please understand people do move around, not just within the city, also across city, across state.

If the Mayor listens, she should find a location for the Navigation Center which is not detrimental to tens of thousands of people.

Thank you for listening,  
Linda

**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Linda Wei  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 4:49 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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Hi All,

Please forward this email to the other port commissioners that are not on this distribution list.

Let the facts speak for themselves. Please watch the video included in the twitter link and imagine what would happen to the South Beach neighborhood with a Mega Navigation Center when no-one is accountable.

The future of the South Beach neighborhood is in your hands.

[Safe Embarcadero on Twitter](#)



**Safe Embarcadero on Twitter**

"San Francisco, #D6. @MattHaneySF @SF\_HSH & @LondonBreed just opened a new #homeless Navigation Center promising..."

Thank you for listening,

Linda Wei  
A concerned South Beach resident



## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER at Bryant and Embarcadero (Seawall Lot 330)

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**From:** Nelson, Lori

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 12:56 PM

**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

**Subject:** VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER at Bryant and Embarcadero (Seawall Lot 330)

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Dear Ms. Forbes and Ms. Quesada,

I am forwarding an email to you that I wrote to Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney this morning, stating my strong opposition, along with my fellow homeowners, to the proposed HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER at Bryant and Embarcadero (Seawall Lot 330). My neighbors and I will be attending the Port Commission Hearing on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m., to state our strong opposition, and we plan to fight this proposed Homeless Navigation Center with every fiber of our beings. We are mobilizing everyone in our neighborhood, as we speak.

Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney,

I have been a Homeowner for 24 years and I (along with my fellow Homeowners) are **VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED** to this proposed Homeless Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330.

We are hard-working, taxpaying Citizens who work 8-10-12 hour days, and sometimes weekends, just to have the privilege of living Downtown in the SOMA/Financial District, near the Embarcadero.

We have all endured countless car break-ins, parking garage theft, bicycle and motorcycle theft, and our corner store (The Gabby) has had their windows smashed 3 times in the last quarter.

Every day when I walk the two blocks from my condo to the Muni, I have to step over human feces, urine, condoms, needles and trash. My neighbors and I cannot take our dogs to the dog park, because of the hypodermic needles and condoms, and human urine and feces all over the sidewalk. God only knows what diseases we may all catch from the human feces all over the City sidewalks. (Hepatitis, etc.)?

How about locating this Homeless Navigation Center in **THE TENDERLOIN**? Why are you penalizing the decent hardworking taxpaying Citizens of the SOMA neighborhood?

Everyone I speak with wants to relocate and move out of this City as soon as they possibly can, however, many of us have jobs in this City where we've been working for 30 years, and cannot retire yet.

Soon, you are going to have a MASS EXODUS of the good, decent hardworking taxpaying Citizens, and all you are going to have left is a City of Homeless People.

When I moved here 26 years ago, San Francisco was a beautiful, charming City by the Bay, and I was so proud to have my family and friends come to visit my beautiful City.

NOW, I'm ashamed of my City, and I tell people not to come visit. This City is a DISGRACE and a CESSPOOL!

PLEASE reconsider relocating this Homeless Navigation Center SOMEWHERE ELSE! ANYWHERE ELSE! We are BEGGING YOU!!!

Sincerely,  
Lori Nelson

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Marcus V. da Cunha  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:46 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Navigation Centre on Embarcadero

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Hi there, Elaine. How are things?

The sentiment is still the same. My wife and I oppose the Navigation Centre barely 1 1/2 blocks from our home. Together with the shelter and Navigation Centre on 5th Street, our neighbourhood will not experience any improvements, and a second Navigation Centre will only exacerbate our homeless problems. Let's find another district to share the load of the City's homelessness crisis.

I've attended the Port's meeting yesterday, and my wife joined me for the stakeholder meeting in the evening. We left the stakeholder meeting early, due to other obligations. But here's things I've learned.

On the way out of the stakeholder meeting, I asked a couple of people wearing 'Yes' stickers where they live, and neither live in South Beach/SOMA. The in-favour bloke from Dog Patch who lives '8-9 blocks from the Navigation Centre' ... well, that's borderline insulting. So far, the only in-favour person that lives near a Navigation Centre, is the City/project representative and his family on Van Ness. I couldn't find anybody supporting the Embarcadero Navigation Centre that lives near Seawall Lot 330.

I've learned the City is actually considering/willing to pay 'fair market value' rent for Seawall Lot 330. Well, that changes things considerably. That means the City can rent Cow Palace, Mascone Centre, SFGH and dozens of building throughout the area. And during the Port's meeting, a woman suggested to build a Navigation Centre on the lawn in front of the City Hall, which, in my humble estimate, it's large enough to host thousands of homeless folk. I mean it, these two points must be discussed.

One last point, it's CEQA/NEPA compliance. I believe Seawall Lot 330 would require a full ESA Phase III remediation before habitation. And it would probably trigger a full EIR. Non-compliance with CEQA carries hefty penalties, both fines and imprisonment.

This project is ill-conceived, rushed-up, unanimously rejected by true neighbours, and only supported by out-of-area people. We all want to help and solve the homelessness situation, and we already do our share. Now it's time for other districts to share the load.

Thanks, best,

Marcus

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Marcus V. da Cunha  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Shelter on the Embarcadero

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

Hi again, Elaine. I trust all's well with you.

My wife and I remain opposed to a homeless shelter on the Embarcadero. While we continue to support the fight against and the causes of homelessness, and we'll continue to donate and volunteer for the cause, this proposed shelter on the Embarcadero is a colossal and epic failure in understanding the surroundings.

Our South Beach, Rincon Hill and east SOMA area is home to over 10,000 people, from new borns to elderly, from proper athletes to folk in wheelchairs. On a fair weather day, over 600 people use the to-be-shelter sidewalks, per hour, during the weekday rush hours. (I counted it on 11 March.) Usage during weekends and Giants' games is much higher. This shelter will wreck the neighbourhood. Homeless folk aren't easygoing. I have experience volunteering at the shelter. I know the drill. They have problems. In plain numbers, 225 beds, each occupied by a different person in average every six weeks, that's 1,950 new 'neighbours' per year. Over the proposed minimum period of four years, that's close to 8,000 new 'neighbours' with social problems, abuse problems, health problems, etc. That's nearly the entire population of our neighbourhood. That's insane! Unconscionable!

There are many problems to list, but to focus on one alone: dogs. Homeless folk don't own cuddly Shih Tzu's. They have Pitbulls and mixes thereof. Often time aggressive dogs, not accustomed to playing nice with other dogs and humans, and rarely trained, vaccinated and neutered. That's insane! This shelter will wreck the neighbourhood.

I've attended four presentations about the shelter. The officials and employees say they have a long criteria list for choosing this location; public land, access to public transportation, etc. Public outreach and acceptance isn't on the list, or if it is, it's never mention.

The Embarcadero is the wrong location for a homeless shelter. I urge you to work with the Mayor and the community to find a better place for the shelter.

Thank you,

Marcus

**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Navigation Center at SWL 330

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**From:** Douglas Hanlin <  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Opposition to Navigation Center at SWL 330

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March 12, 2019

Dear President Brandon and Port Commissioners,

My name is Douglas Hanlin. I live at the Portside. I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330, directly across the street from my home. While I share the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, I feel that the proposed navigation center location poses many problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, as well as being noncompliant with the land use provisions within the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and numerous City plans. If the Port seeks to reduce homelessness on Port property, locating the proposed navigation center at SWL 330 will do exactly the opposite, operating as a magnet for homeless activity in our residential community and creating much ill will with the neighborhood for any future development on the site.

In particular, I have the following concern about the center :

- 1.) Homelessness has been a problem for decades in San Francisco. While Mayor Breed indicates that the Center will be needed for four plus years, homelessness won't be solved in four years. This promises to be a semi-permanent installation if it is to remain until the homeless problem is solved as Mayor Breed has indicated.
- 2.) The number of guests the shelter serves far surpasses the number of homeless individuals in the surrounding area, which means to fill the beds homeless individuals from all over the city will be relocated to our neighborhood.
- 3.) While other navigation centers appear to have a good success rate, still, about 20% of the guests are asked to leave because of bad behavior or leave voluntarily. Will these individuals then reside on the streets in the surrounding neighborhoods thus swelling the homeless population? This appears to have happened at other navigation centers in non-residential sections of the city.
- 4.) Homeless individuals in this area reportedly will be given priority for admission to the navigation center. Does this mean that homeless individuals will be motivated by this to relocate to our neighborhood from SF and from surrounding cities and counties, knowing that they will be given priority for admission? What would stop this from happening?
- 5.) This site was chosen because it was "shovel ready." What does this mean that mobile units, trailers, tents, etc will be moved into the site in order to readily house the guests? Will there be 200-250 "Porta-potties" set up for the residents. If not what will prevent the residents from understandably using the surrounding neighborhood for relief if the lines to the "Porta-potties" are too long? Will this be a large trailer park located in our neighborhood? Won't this be more unsightly than the Embarcadero Freeway once was?
- 6.) In the 15 years that I have lived in this area, the city has provided almost no services or amenities for this area. There is virtually no police presence, inadequate street lighting, no city parks, no traffic control, no sidewalk cleaning aside from the CBD for which the residents pay extra. There has been no increase in services even though there has been an influx of close to 10,000 residents in the Rincon Hill area in the past ten years with the new developments providing tens of millions dollars to the city coffers for low income housing.. in addition the Port Authority provides very little in the way of services to the Embarcadero south of Market Street. Why should we believe that the city or Port Authority will provide any additional services to the area once the shelter is here.
- 7.) What will be done by the city and the Port to abate the expected increase in crime, drug dealing, inappropriate behavior in the neighborhood. There is no police presence now and little interest shown by the police in curtailing property crimes. Will policing responsibilities as usual fall on the residents of the area and on the CBD?
- 8.) What will be done to guarantee the safety and security of the residents and the pets in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood has already seen a home invasion by a homeless individual in the past year, and there have been attacks by the dogs of some of the homeless in the area on both residents and pets. What will prevent this from becoming more of a problem.

9.) why is there not a "fair share" of responsibility for dealing with the homeless crisis from other districts of the city. I counted three parking lots on the north side of the Embarcadero on what appears to be Port property in District 3, and all three could be used for navigation centers. Why are centers not being mandated there? In district five we have hosted the Multiservice Center for the homeless at Fifth and Bryant, and I understand a new navigation center has opened in that area recently as well. Why do certain districts always have to carry the burden for the rest of the city while other districts (Pacific Heights, North Beach, Russian Hill, Noe Valley, Sunset and Richmond, etc.) do nothing. This would be much more palatable if every other district in the city were also hosting a similar center simultaneously rather than just paying lip service to the idea.

if the city, including the mayor and our supervisor, as well as the Port were serious about making this a success rather than foisting in on my neighborhood with no community input or community outreach, there would have been more planning and discussion ahead of any announcement. There are ways this could have been approached successfully by first establishing how this center could actually be beneficial for the neighborhood, perhaps by proposing neighborhood enhancements, e.g. a policy of a buffer zone with no tents or sidewalk encampments within an eight block area of the center, concrete plans for increased enhancement of the neighborhood, with better lighting, improved sidewalks, landscaping, more park space, making a commitment to increased security in the neighborhood with explanations how this will be accomplished, either by more patrolling by police, stricter enforcement of quality of life issues, etc.

If there had been more of an effort to create opportunities for community involvement with local neighbors being involved in the planning to address community concerns, and assisting with selling this to the community as something that actually could enhance the neighborhood, then it could have been a model for the development of other centers. Just pushing this on the neighborhood with no outreach or attempts to involve the community, putting in a bunch of unsightly trailers and tents with no accommodations for the security and welfare of the neighborhood, and allowing the neighborhood to deteriorate, however, will only increase the animosity of the neighborhood towards the city and the responsible parties, and will do nothing to alleviate the concerns and only heighten the fears of other neighborhoods where other navigation centers are proposed.

Sincerely,

Douglas Hanlin

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Diane Vader  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Proposed embarcadero navigation center

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Dear Ms. Forbes:

As homeowners , we **strongly oppose** the proposed navigation for these reasons:

Mayor Breed clearly stated that ALL San Francisco residents must share the homeless burden. If this is the case, why is District 6 carrying such a heavy load? Are there navigation centers of this size planned for any other district?

Last night's meeting handout did not answer these questions: How are people referred to the center? How are people dismissed? Is drug use allowed? Does the nav center distribute needles? Are there psychiatric nurses and doctors available 24/7? Is there a curfew? Is there a full-time janitorial staff? What is the staff-to-resident ratio? So many unanswered questions and lack of community outreach when this plan was announced contribute to the feeling that the main stakeholders in the neighborhood are not receiving enough information and are out of the loop.

From firsthand experience, the majority of the homeless people I see every day are in dire need of psychiatric care or substance abuse rehabilitation. Wouldn't funds be better spent to provide these in-depth services as a path toward permanent life changes? The street people I see every day do not seem like good candidates for anything but intense inpatient recovery programs.

Even if we provide the homeless with a bed to sleep in, many will still need to find some money to keep up with their addiction. The easiest way to get money is to steal from the nearby residents: cars, bikes, whatever they can get their hands on.

We don't feel safe in our neighborhood now. Police presence is non-existent and we already feel left to fend for ourselves. Introducing the navigation center will only increase our anxiety with the lack of police protection.

We feel certain that this is not a temporary center and that once it is in place, it will remain for longer than four years.

We voted for Mr. Haney and Mayor Breed, as they seemed the best candidates. We feel betrayed by this ill-conceived proposal.

Sincerely,  
Marc Schwartz and Diane Vader

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Earl Gee >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:10 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 10, 2019

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

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear Commissioner Woo Ho,

My name is Earl Gee. I am a resident and business owner at the Portside Condominiums at since 1994. I have also served on the Portside Master Association Board for over 23 years. Portside encompasses 220 residences at 38 Bryant Street and 403 Main Street. While Portside shares the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, the location of the proposed navigation center poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general.

### **Fails to Integrate with Community**



No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

### **Risks to Public Safety**

Portside is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

### **Increase in Property Crime**

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

### **Degradation of Quality of Life**

Portside residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

### **Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless**

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

As an engaged citizen who has faithfully participated in and commented upon the numerous Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330 for over two decades, I am most deeply troubled by the Port and City for proposing a navigation center at this location.

### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

Engaged citizens of the area contributed their valuable time to participate in many input sessions and workshops with both Port and City officials regarding potential land use for SWL 330. Never has our community supported a navigation center as an appropriate land use for the site. It is out of place, out of character, and inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. If community input is to be disregarded, why have we attended, participated in, and commented upon all these sessions?

### **Impedes Public Access to Waterfront**

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 navigation center 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.

### **Fails to Comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan—or Any Plans**

The use of SWL 330 for a proposed navigation center fails to comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at

all? Why should the mayor be allowed to to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

### **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

### **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

#### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

#### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

#### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood’s faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To “fast track” a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

### **CONCLUSION**

I remain hopeful that you, as fellow citizens and members of the Port Commission, will fulfill your responsibilities to put the interests of the neighborhood who will be most adversely affected by the navigation center—and the citizens they represent—above politics. For the many important reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any “fast-track” legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Sincerely,  
**Earl Gee**

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Ed Eksterowicz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:14 AM  
**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)  
**Subject:** Security Concerns - Navigation Center Sea Wall Lot 330

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Dear Everyone,

I would like to express my concerns about the security of the proposed Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330. I have concerns not only with the security within the Navigation Center but also with the security surrounding the residential buildings in the area.

I received a death threat over the weekend, along with a few other people, from an anonymous caller threatening to "take up arms and kill all the rich people as the walk out of their palaces." This was followed up with a text from a person with a 562 area code stating that I should have received a call or email from someone in their group and then continuing on with a long text stating the disapproval of my donation and opposition to the Navigation Center, coupled with various curse words. I issued a police report for these incidents.

I no longer feel safe in my building or in my area, in addition to the children, elderly and single females and the Navigation Center has not even been erected in our parking lot yet!

I have compassion and respect for the homeless and I give them extra food that I receive from the second job that work on the weekends . They deserve to be placed in area where there is room for them the get their lives back together, placing them in a highly congested and visible area where they will in constant contact with people, traffic and other various distractions is not the answer.

There has got to be a better solution and location to allow them the dignity, room and respect they need to survive.

I ask you to please reconsider your decision to place the Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330 and find a location more suitable to helping the homeless to live in a safe and dignified environment and to allow for the safety of many residents that will affected by your decision.

Thanks for your time and consideration

Ed Eksterowicz

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Elenor Mak <elenor.mak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:56 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** Children Safety/ Proposed Navigation Center in South Beach

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Dear Members of the SF Port Commission,

I am writing to express my deep concerns for the children in this community, whose safety will be compromised in light of the largest proposed Navigation Center in South Beach. Unlike existing Navigation Centers, this location is the immediate backyard for many children living in nearby residences or attending daycares or schools within a 3 block radius.

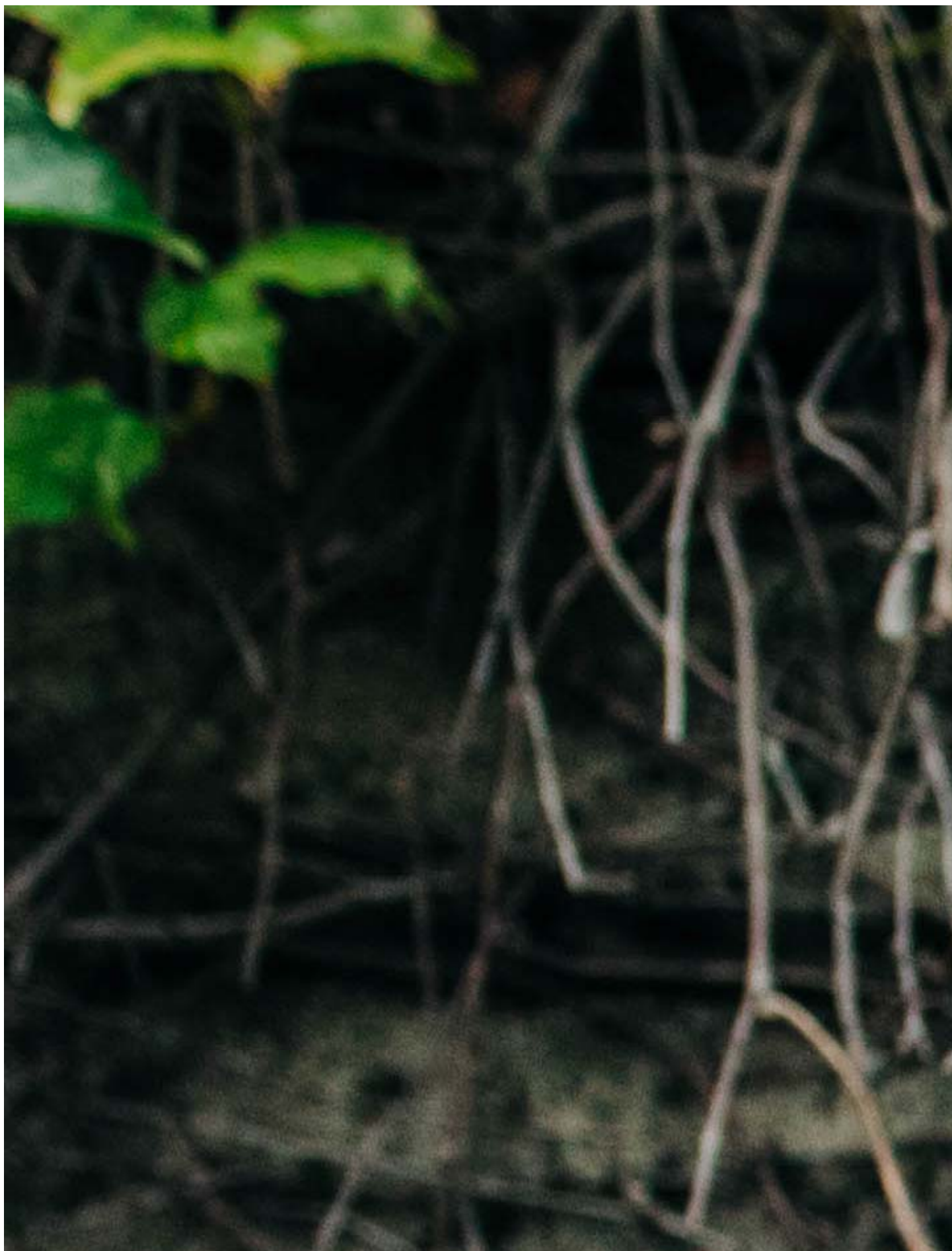
My husband and I live in the Watermark building with our 1 year old son, James. We moved here a few years ago to start and raise our family. In addition to baby James, we are also expecting our second child at the end of this year. We had envisioned raising our children here, where my son can ride his bike around the block and we could take him for an evening stroll around the block, knowing that this is a safe environment. This will NOT be the case with the building of the largest Navigation Center in San Francisco 1/2 a block from the entrance of our home.

I question how we can uphold our children's safety, given their daily proximity and exposure to the subgroup of these 250 individuals, who have had repeated histories of drug use, mental instability and known — and unknown - histories of children violence or offenses. As these Navigation Centers are built and increasingly, in the proximity of residential buildings, have we really thought through the critical question of how to adequately protect our children? Or will we have to wait for an irreversible incident, like the one that ultimately led to Meghan's Law?

As you make your decisions to approve of this center, **I hope you will truly consider the welfare of children growing up in the area of any proposed Navigation Center, whose daily safety relies entirely on the decisions of the adults in his / her community.**

Lastly, I attach a family photo we took around the corner of the Watermark building recently. During that photo experience, my husband and I had to avoid stepping on discarded drug needles at the spot of this photo.

Warm Regards,  
Elenor  
Cell: 917 596 7636  
[Email: Elenor.mak@gmail.com](mailto:Elenor.mak@gmail.com)



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Elizabeth Tyree  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2019 4:48 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

I am writing to ask that you vote against approval of Mayor Breed's proposal to lease Seawall Lot 330 to the city for a Navigation Center.

The Port of San Francisco's Strategic Plan (2016-2021) goals include several objectives related to the city's request to quickly establish the Navigation Center.

#2 Engagement Objectives: 1. "Regularly engage in meaningful public participation and incorporate community feedback into Port initiatives." The community into which this Navigation Center is proposed has clear and wide ranging concerns about this project which need careful consideration and meaningful communication between stakeholders.

#6 Economic Vitality Objectives: "#5 Implement a balanced strategy to the real estate portfolio and asset management to maximize value and income stream to the port." This is a fiduciary duty of the Port Commission. The financial terms of the proposed lease by the city brings into question the ability of the Port Commission to fully achieve this objective. The city indicated one reason Seawall Lot 330 is attractive to the city as a location for the Navigation Center is the low rental rate.

San Francisco recently passed a bond measure to fund needed capital improvements for projects the Port Commission oversees. Passing a super majority bond measure indicated that the voters of the city have confidence in the fiscal management of the Port Commission. Maintaining that confidence is important to the city and commission.

"#6. Develop a long-term economic lease extension policy for existing retail and seawall lots." Developing a long-term economic lease for Seawall Lot 330 is a stated goal of the Port Commission. Creation of this plan could be made publicly available, with appropriate time to allow for input.

Safety: Safety continues to be a concern of residents and businesses alike with a large Navigation Center in the neighborhood. San Francisco has focused establishing a Navigation Center on Seawall lot 330 in part, stating that it cannot find another large parcel in the city to locate a center of this size.

Current navigation centers are already south of market. Our neighborhood has 65% of the shelter beds and 73% of San Francisco's affordable housing. I recognize the need to find solutions to the homeless situation in San Francisco. Affordable housing also continues to be a major challenge for San Francisco and surrounding cities and counties. Affordable housing for our city teachers, police, Muni drivers, and fire personnel (to name a few) also is a pressing need in San Francisco.

Please consider if a navigation center is the best use of this location.  
Thank you for your careful consideration.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Tyree

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** emilycharnes  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:36 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Proposed Homeless center at Bryant and Embarcadero

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Dear Elaine,

As a resident of this neighborhood for the last 9 years, I am strongly opposed to the navigation center being proposed at Bryant and Embarcadero. We have not been given adequate information or assurances that our safety and security will not be compromised by the city's largest navigation center. Unlike the other locations for navigation centers, which sit in much more industrial areas, our neighborhood is densely packed with residents, including many children and seniors. The prime waterfront location has a constant flow of people, families, Giants fans and concert goers.

I am extremely concerned that our neighborhood is being burdened with another navigation center, when the one at 5th and Bryant recently went up. Other neighborhoods don't share this burden. Like most people in the city, I want to be a part of the solution and do my part as a homeowner and tax payer to help reduce the number of homeless people on our streets. But this proposed location is a poor choice. We would welcome affordable or mixed housing there, and the prime waterfront location would generate tax revenue. If the proposal were for a women's shelter I would be lining up to volunteer. I wouldn't be worried about increased violence and less security on my street.

The navigation centers mostly serve a severely mentally ill and drug addicted population, many of whom are unpredictable and often volatile, if not violent. Why would we put the city's largest center in the middle of such a densely residential neighborhood? We have the Delancey Foundation here and they are wonderful neighbors. Why would the city expose the residents of Delancey, who are finding their own way back to productive, drug and crime free lives, to a potentially huge increase of people on the streets outside, doing drugs, dealing drugs, and perhaps engaging in vandalism.

Like most of my neighbors, I'm strongly against this for reasons of safety and security. We all woke up to an article in the paper 10 days ago stating this had been decided. This is not a good way to get support from a community, and I think you have to have support.

Respectfully,  
Emily Charnes



**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**From:** Ewa Switala  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Stop the Seawall Navigation Centre

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Dear Elaine,

I live in Rincon Hill, and am writing to you in protest to opening a Navigation Centre in the area.

There are a lot of families living in the area, I myself am four months pregnant, and find the idea of bringing more mentally ill and drug addicts to a busy residential area a major security risk for which the SF Port is responsible.

The local community have also expressed their opposition to this ill-conceived idea, and I urge you not to go forward with it. There are plenty of empty warehouses in the south of the city which might be much more suitable for these purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Ewa Switala

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Fatieh Khodjasteh  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 6:20 AM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Haneystaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Your new Navigation center proposal

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Hi from Chicago to Mayor London Breed.

Dear Mayor Breed,

My husband and I are both 68 year old physicians, planning to move to your beautiful city since both our children and our grand daughter (the joy of our life ) are living in San Francisco. Information we read about the plan for the new Navigation center prompts this email.

1) We all agree the homeless need to be helped ...In a civil society it is very odd for mentally ill people to be out on the streets , without medical help. Addiction adds to the problem. Based on information we receive, 60 to 70 % of the homeless population In SF has mental illness issues.

2) We understand the city feels the moral need for action to help these people .....BUT, they need intense medical help ( - a psychiatric help? - ) and we believe that a Navigation center will not be able to help them. It is a temporary solution which will cost the city a fortune (we read 54 Million dollars). What will be the outcome for these individuals 2 to 4 years from now ?

3) Being a charismatic mayor, your plan should consider the above suggestion and instead of spending millions on a Navigation center, build a larger construction in which a medical facility (not necessarily a hospital and with volunteer medical staff ) could take care of mentally ill individuals....Building such facility in a larger area would also take care of the safety concerns of the residents of the Embarcadero neighborhood. A Navigation center is a short sighted solution. You could make history by creating a lasting solution with mixed housing and medical facilities. Not easy to achieve, but this also how you would make history.

4) You have an "embellishment project for Embarcadero " which in our opinion will not fit with your navigation center project .

For all these reasons we ask you respectfully to reconsider this navigation center project by replacing it with a larger but better alternative

Best of luck Zara and John Sobolski

**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: I Support Homes At Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Fay Darmawi  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 9:41 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:** I Support Homes At Lot 330

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Dear Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Haney, Supervisor Peskin, and Amy Quesada,

My name is Fay Darmawi and I live at Chestnut and Columbus in North Beach, and I support the proposed Navigation Center at Lot 330, as well as a Navigation Center in D3.

Thousands of my neighbors sleep on the street every night, we need to build homes. This matter is urgent.

Thank you for your years public service to the residents of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Fay Darmawi  
San Francisco, CA

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Frank Chen  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:18 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); Frank Chen  
**Subject:** Fw: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 27, 2019

### **Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear Director Forbes,

My name is **Frank Chen**. I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 **directly across the street, a block away from, (state how close to SWL 330)** from our residential community. While we share the commitment of the City and Port to reduce homelessness, the **location** of the proposed navigation center at SWL 330 poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

### **RESIDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

#### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general.

## **Fails to Integrate with Community**

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. Any development which requires 24/7 police protection around its perimeter has no place in a thriving residential neighborhood. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

## **Risks to Public Safety**

Our building is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

## **Increase in Property Crime**

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

## **Degradation of Quality of Life**

Our building's residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

## **Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless**

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

## **Navigation Centers Belong in Non-Residential Areas**

It makes no sense to destroy a safe, upscale, desirable neighborhood for the sake of a political agenda. Intelligent city planning is about context. Navigation centers, due to their temporary nature,

should be located in industrial/commercial areas, where they **will not** pose a threat to the safety of established residential communities and families. Why place it at SWL 330, in the middle of a thriving residential community?

### **Fallacy of Locating Centers Where Homeless Are**

Also, it **is not** about placing navigation centers where the homeless are—navigation center admittance is by referral only. Locating a navigation center in a residential neighborhood by definition brings homeless to that area—**ours**—who were not there before. If the Port’s goal is to reduce homelessness on Port property, the proposed navigation center will do the exact opposite.

## **PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES**

As an engaged citizen who has dutifully participated in and commented upon the numerous Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330 for over two decades, I am also deeply troubled by the City and Port proposing a navigation center at this location.

### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

Engaged citizens of the area contributed their valuable time to participate in many input sessions and workshops with both Port and City officials regarding potential land use for SWL 330. Never has our community supported a navigation center as an appropriate land use for the site. It is out of place, out of character, and inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. If community input is to be disregarded, why have we attended, participated in, and commented upon all these sessions?

### **Impedes Public Access to Waterfront**

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 navigation center 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.

### **Fails to Comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan—or Any Plans**

The use of SWL 330 for a proposed navigation center fails to comply with the SF Port Waterfront Plan or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods

Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at all? Why should the mayor be allowed to to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

## **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

## **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood's faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To "fast track" a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

### **CONCLUSION**

I remain hopeful that you, as a member of the Board of Supervisors, will fulfill your responsibilities to put the interests of the neighborhood who will be most adversely affected by the navigation center—and the citizens they represent—above politics. For the many important reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any "fast-track" legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Respectfully,

**Frank Chen**



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**To:** Fred Heslet  
**Subject:** RE: Navigation Center

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**From:** Fred Heslet <heslet007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 6:34 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Navigation Center

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In your decision please consider that you are funding and supporting a program that has and cannot work.

The Major plan is flawed and has important unanswered questions.

### **Questions Unanswered**

What are the true results of the other Navigation Centers? Results are reported as 'wonderful,' with no specific data. In a report to Ed Lee in 2017 of the 510 that left the center 323 returned to the streets. A portion of those who 'left' had bus tickets out of town.

What is the funding for the program to support one's transition?

Why is there no objective disagreement in the Major's office?

Is the center with 300 beds have the support system for counseling, housing, job training, and support to make a change?

Why is there no effort to include homeless living off the street in their cards and have jobs?

What is the impact to offer a homeless person hope in a program flawed?

What chance does a homeless person have for housing in San Francisco?

### **It is a Flawed Program**

Allowing continued use of drugs during the transition in the Navigation Center.

Allowing drugs to be used and provides a centralized opportunity for those selling drugs

The infrastructure necessary to have an impact we know takes time. Mimi Silbert pointed out (a success full program at Delancey Street) that the structure of the program is flawed.

Using behavior modification an intervention. Drugs as a reinforcer do compete with any attempt to modify behavior by reinforcement.

Nothing in the approach that addresses the established identity as a homeless person and the change necessary.

We have a political solution not one with much thought. Most of us clinical practitioners see the 'treatment' program flawed. Please consider in the Board's decision the legal responsibility of this property. What happens is a serious crime result on the site? The Centers that allow drug use and 'hope' that some choose to an accept rehab. They describe behavior modification. This is a paternal approach where the treatment power is with the therapist. Drugs are a strong reinforcer that out trump behavior modification. At the lease is the position of illegal drugs (program give permission of use and sale. Is there infrastructure there to move 300 individuals off drugs and to be clean of drugs? If they prepare one for housing is there 'low' cost housing available in San Francisco for 300. It would be

interesting to establish a support system for a small number, move off drugs, career training, job placement, job supervision and then housing. I have not seen an infrastructure to move from Centers to a healthy life. What of the 45% (or less) failures reported. Offer hope with not plan is destructive to those considering the option of recovery.

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Frederick E Heslet

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Super Max Center

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**From:** Heidi Deveau <

**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 5:22 PM

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

**Subject:** Super Max Center

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To Who It May Concern:

I have lived in Rincon Hill/ South Beach for over 10 years and moved into the area to be part of a very well thought out redevelopment plan for the area. The plan did not include a transient homeless center for 200 transient people. This action is rash and careless. To push this plan through in an area where there is already a homeless problem that is not being managed well by the City of San Francisco is irresponsible. The area has already undergone a lot of change and disruption for the sake of redevelopment. It is unreasonable to ask the residents of this area just as the redevelopment is entering the latter quarter of the plan to absorb this potentially volatile situation.

Let our area complete our redevelopment plan without being sabotaged by The City of San Francisco's politics.

Heidi Maier Deveau

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Summers, Ashley (MYR)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 6:00 PM  
**To:** Heiko Ludwig; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); DSHH (HOM)  
**Subject:** RE: Planned Embarcadero Navigation Center

Dear Heiko,

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 8<sup>th</sup>](#) 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 [DSHH@sfgov.org](mailto:DSHH@sfgov.org)

Thank you again,

Ashley

### Ashley Summers

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**From:** Heiko Ludwig  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:14 PM  
**To:** Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS) <[courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org](mailto:courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org)>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <[sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org](mailto:sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org)>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <[andrea.bruss@sfgov.org](mailto:andrea.bruss@sfgov.org)>; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)>; DSHH (HOM) <[dhsh@sfgov.org](mailto:dhsh@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Planned Embarcadero Navigation Center

Dear Mayor Breed, Executive Director Forbes, Members of the Port Commission, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was surprised and dismayed to learn that a very large Navigation Center is planned on the seawall lot near the Bayside Village.

As residents of South Beach well in our second decade my wife and I noticed that the Embarcadero underwent a significant decline in the past 5 years or so. Apartment and Condo dwellers alike depend on the Embarcadero for outdoor recreation in our densely populated area. The Navigation Center will have a severe impact on the Embarcadero and it doesn't need to be here. A Navigation Center can be at any place in the city. I still remember Mayor Lee opening the first center in the Mission for the express purpose to relocate the tent camp under the 5th St underpass between Bryant and Harrison.

District 6 already hosts by far the most infrastructure for homeless, mentally ill, and otherwise needy. This is also the case for our area, with the shelter and Nav center on Bryant and 5th, a set of transitional and SRO facilities around South Park, the mental health facility on Harrison, the Methadone facility on Brannan, and the housing projects for the formerly homeless on Folsom and 4th/Channel. I'm probably missing quite a few. We do have a lot in our backyard already and we do pull our weight. Other districts don't.

I understand that City Hall may find it expedient. Historically, our district has not fought back much. However, talking to our neighbors, this proposal is where we draw the line. Most of us in South Beach are middle class and have no plan B, no house in Napa or Tahoe and no Country Club membership. The Embarcadero is our public space and it is about to get much worse with your support.

This is exacerbated by the lack of cleaning and maintenance for public space in the city, in general. In the windfall budget allocation there was a \$40M allocation for eviction support - basically paying lawyers - and not a cent for upkeep of the public space.

I urge you to reconsider 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. We bear a lot of the City's social and environmental burden. Now it's someone else's turn. We need to distribute the burden fairly and we need a moratorium on homeless services in District 6 now!

Best regards,  
Heiko Ludwig

**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**To:** Ivette Torres  
**Subject:** RE: Embarcadero Navigation Center

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

From: Ivette Torres  
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 7:34 AM  
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
Subject: Embarcadero Navigation Center

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Dear Elaine Forbes,

I have not been able to attend the public meetings on this topic because I work and have a toddler. However, I want to voice my opposition to the Embarcadero Navigation Center. I live on \_\_\_\_\_ and although I am sympathetic to the homeless crisis in San Francisco (I've lived here for 11 years), my main concern as a parent is the safety and security of my family. Already, I have had to remind my daughter to leave needles alone, and already I've had to cross the street with my daughter because of the threatening and dangerous behavior of an addict or mentally ill person. The creation of a Navigation Center just down the street from us will only add the the safety issues already faced by my family. From my discussions with other residents of the neighborhood, I know that many (probably most) share my concerns. It appears to me that most of those in support of the Navigation Center do not actually live in the neighborhood so it is easy for them to simply say, let's do it for the good of City. However, for those who will have to live with the daily impact of the Navigation Center, our perspective is different and personal.

Best,

Ivette Torres

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: ideas to make the Safe Nav work in south beach

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**From:** Jaina Selawski <

**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:55 PM

**To:** Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS) <courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

**Subject:** ideas to make the Safe Nav work in south beach

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hello Staff - i hope you can help route these suggestions.

I can support Safe Navigation center in this neighborhood! (especially once Mr. Haney persuades the other supervisors to put them in other neighborhoods too)

why not plan for permanent, not temporary btw?

BUT that parking lot is really not the right place for it. Can we find another spot?

I can see why it's better to build for the most efficient size of services (e.g. 200 bed), but suggest phase-in \*populating it\* (e.g. ~50 at a time), to demonstrate that public safety/sanitation capability is sufficient. I am sure everything will be fine but people will need to get used to it.

thank you for your efforts to improve things for everyone.

Jaina Selawski

South Beach resident for 16 years

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** james jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 8:54 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Seawall 330

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

I like to express my opposition to **Seawall Lot 330** being considered as Navigation Center near Embacardero Street for the following reasons

1) The street and neighborhood is filled with families and tourist incl mine and I would be afraid of Violence and Loitering. I did drive by existing Navigation Centers in the city and my opposition and fear is based on what I saw at and near these existing centers. How can City guarantee existing residents Safety and Hygiene and why would city even consider such a site?

2) The site selected is not appropriate for Navigation Center . Others Navigation Centers are away from any such neighborhood

I like to register my strong opposition to this project and I will attend next city and port meeting to voice my opposition

Thanks for considering it



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Japneet Kaur  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Navigation Center

All I ask is that in order to solve one problem, another problem doesn't get created. We need to ensure law abiding citizens are safe and not put in danger due to the mental illness issues - and per recent news, this is not often addressed correctly in San Francisco.

The proposed plan is to place the navigation center right next to children. The ferry building, and its surrounding area of apartments and restaurants, attracts children from all over including those who live in San Francisco and those who are visiting.

I understand we need to address this issue. I just strongly suggest a different location as it may place children in danger as a result.

Please keep that in mind as the location of the navigation center gets addressed.

Regards,  
Japneet Giglio

On Mar 25, 2019, at 4:20 PM, Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)> wrote:

Dear Japneet,

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.

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Thank you again,

Elaine Forbes

Executive Director

Port of San Francisco

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**From:** Japneet Giglio  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:02:39 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Proposed Navigation Center

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Elaine Forbes,

As a resident of San Francisco, I am already very concerned about the city's inability to control the mentally ill. I've seen heroine needles injected on my way to work. I've seen people who live on the streets having little control over their actions. As an expectant mother, it's an awful reality especially when adding a stroller to the mix.

The best part of living in South Beach is being able to walk down Embarcadero St. and enjoying the water and culture. Feeling safe enough to do this with a stroller and a newborn is critical. A temporary homeless shelter, however, will have the opposite effect. It will add an additional layer of vulnerability when it comes to safety - for me and my kid - and not to mention also significantly decrease the value of my home.

There are many areas of San Francisco. Please have the city place the shelter in another area vs on the iconic Embarcadero street.

A very concerned citizen,  
Japneet Giglio

**Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Javier Salinas **Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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April 3, 2019

Ms. Kimberly Brandon  
President, Port Commission  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1, The Embarcadero  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

Dear President Brandon,

My name is Javier Salinas. I am a resident of . I oppose locating the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 four blocks away from our residential community. While we share the City and Port's commitment to reduce homelessness, the location of the proposed navigation center poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to

public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

## **RESIDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES**

### **Magnet for Homeless Outside Center**

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general. I already witness occasional human urination and defecation, broken car windows, mentally unstable individuals wandering around the streets looking for things, and these individuals and others like them should not be further drawn to our neighborhood.

### **Fails to Integrate with Community**

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

### **Risks to Public Safety**

Our building is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

### **Increase in Property Crime**

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

### **Degradation of Quality of Life**

Our building's residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

### **Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless**

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

## **PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES**

As an engaged citizen who has faithfully participated in Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330, I am most deeply troubled by the Port and City for proposing a navigation center at this location.

### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

Engaged citizens of the area contributed their valuable time to participate in many input sessions and workshops with both Port and City officials regarding potential land use for SWL 330. Never has our community supported a navigation center as an appropriate land use for the site. It is out of place, out of character, and inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. If community input is to be disregarded, why have we attended, participated in, and commented upon all these sessions?

### **Impedes Public Access to Waterfront**

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 navigation center 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.

### **Fails to Comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan—or Any Plans**

The use of SWL 330 for a proposed navigation center fails to comply with the SF Port Waterfront Plan

or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at all? Why should the mayor be allowed to to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

### **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

### **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

#### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

#### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood's faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To "fast track" a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

### **CONCLUSION**

I remain hopeful that you, as fellow citizens and members of the Port Commission, will fulfill your responsibilities to put the interests of the neighborhood who will be most adversely affected by the navigation center—and the citizens they represent—above politics. For the many important reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any "fast-track" legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Sincerely,

Javier Salinas



## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Input on Proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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**From:** Jeanne Lyons <

**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 1:05 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** Input on Proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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London, Sean, Andrea, Amy, Elaine,

I am extremely opposed to the navigation center that is planned for the sea wall lot location on the Embarcadero and will fight it all the way...and you should too:

1) Haney said he wanted "[Mayor] Breed to select a site in every district for a homeless Navigation Center rather than continuing to build only in Districts Six, Nine and Ten." We will have 2 in our district.

2) The existing navigation centers have been an experiment and have not yet been determined as effective, why would you scale it? If you look at the existing one in the Dogpatch, there are homeless encampments in close proximity like Warm Water Cove is 500 feet from the Dogpatch Navigation Center and Islais Creek which is less than 2,000 feet away. It doesn't solve the problem and only breeds more homeless people hanging around trashing the neighborhood.

3) We don't have affordable housing for teachers, nurses, firefighters, hotel workers etc. in the city...why are we prioritizing this location for the homeless who won't be able to afford the cost of living in SF even if they have a roof over their head? Not everyone can live in SF especially with a waterfront view.

4) One night at 10:30 when coming home from my volunteer obligation, I was at the Van Ness station and helped a young man who was new to homelessness and a runaway from Portland a couple of days before. He wanted to get back to the place where he threw his luggage in a bush on the Embarcadero and didn't quite know where it was located. He complained about how mean everyone was in SF and how I was so nice to him. While I felt terrible for him and his plight, I can't fix it for him...nor do I think the taxpayers of San Francisco should have to be burdened with everyone who has arrived on a one way greyhound ticket from other places in the country (aka reference to the mayor of Las Vegas sending homeless here)

5) Most importantly, I no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. I understand that I live in a city with its inherent risks, but I don't see why we have to tolerate a decline in safety. In broad daylight, a friend and I had to run from an aggressive, angry homeless person who was running after us with a large chunk of metal over near Red's Java House. When I work from home, I have often looked out the window to see a homeless person peeing on the building across the street, vandalizing cars (in broad daylight) and simply screeching in a psychotic rage (only a few examples). My brother and his family were chased by a homeless person when walking home from the Ferry Building one night that caused my nephew to have nightmares for the next 2 nights and affected the whole family's vacation. They said that they were not interested in me visiting again in San Francisco. Also, one of his main observations was that there was no police presence in San Francisco...this has been the case since I've lived here especially along the Embarcadero.

I advocate for the following:

- examining the true success or failure of these centers before deciding to scale up
- blocking the building of the nav center proposed for the seawall lot location on the Embarcadero
- giving the SF communities the visibility and enough time to weigh in on these proposals
- getting visibility into the specific spend on homelessness in the city which I understand could be upwards of \$700M this year

Regards,  
Jeanne

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Navigation center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Jeff Mroczkowski **Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Navigation center

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Amy,

I wanted to email you to voice my concern over the proposed navigation center on seawall lot 330. My wife and I have lived in this neighborhood for 10 years and also work in San Francisco. We are concerned about the impact to this area that the largest navigation center in the city would have. I don't see any data at from the city communicating that they have done any sort of analysis as to how this would change the area. I have emailed the city twice with a few questions but they did not reply either time. Please help us keep this area safe and clean.

Thank you for your time,  
Jeff

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** FW: In support of the Nav Center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111  
415-274-0405  
[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)

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**From:** Jeffrey Trull  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** In support of the Nav Center

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Hi Amy,

I am writing in support of the proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero. We have a serious homelessness problem and we must act in every neighborhood to resolve it - even the wealthy ones :) I regret that I'm unable to attend the meeting on April 23 in person but I wanted my feelings to be recorded.

Best Wishes,  
Jeff Trull

**LaCroix, Leah (PRT)**

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**From:** Jennifer Baron  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** Haneystaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Proposed navigation center

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**To:** jennifer mcspadden  
**Subject:** RE: NO Navigation Center on the Embarcadero!!

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**From:** jennifer mcspadden  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>  
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## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Jerry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:34 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Haneystaff (BOS); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); McDonald, Courtney (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless shelter in South Beach?

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No matter the number of beds, a shelter, especially 24/7 will ATTRACT homeless to the area. This is NOT the right place for the shelter. It would draw homeless, and put them RIGHT IN THE PATHWAY of many residents, commuters, tourists, and attendees to SF Giants or other local events like FleetWeek, and local businesses. I live nearby (as a renter...and not a rich one), and I see the flow of people on game and event days, and this would be right in their pathway.

Even if there is security at the shelter, that WON'T HELP the problems that will exist in the areas around the shelter...which I have seen including trespassing, and even breaking of building windows... and the other usual problems.

You need to find locations that would not impact so many, and not put a blight in a place where so many enjoy SF.

I'm a concerned resident, but prefer to keep my name confidential (the name in email address is not a real name).  
Thank you.

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Jessica Millstein  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Cc:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Randolph (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: SOUTH BEACH NAVIGATION CENTER

Amy,  
Thank you for your response, it's nice to know that my concerns were heard. I do understand the kinds of pressures that the port is under with dealing with the homeless on the property. I think the hard part that we all face is that the homeless come to the port because that's where all the tourists are. It's hard to say if they would continue to come back to the port if the location of the services were further away. The big question with all of this is will the people in question actually want the help and take it? I don't think that they can be forced into the facility and some might not want to go. I hope that we can come up with a plan that will make everyone happy.  
Best Regards,  
Jessica

On Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 1:51 PM Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)> wrote:

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**From:** Jessica Millstein \_\_\_\_\_

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:02 PM

**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>; Haneystaff (BOS) <[haneystaff@sfgov.org](mailto:haneystaff@sfgov.org)>; McDonald, Courtney (BOS) <[courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org](mailto:courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org)>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <[sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org](mailto:sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org)>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <[andrea.bruss@sfgov.org](mailto:andrea.bruss@sfgov.org)>; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <[elaine.forbes@sfport.com](mailto:elaine.forbes@sfport.com)>; Brandon, Kimberly (PRT)

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**Subject:** SOUTH BEACH NAVIGATION CENTER

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Wednesday March 20, 2019

Mayor Breed and associates, Mr. Haney and associates, SF Port and DSHS members,

My name is Jessica Millstein. I am a home owner at \_\_\_\_\_ and have lived there since July of 2010. It's taken me a while to compose this email, but seeing that this project is being fast tracked I feel the need to voice my opinion and concerns now. I would attend the meetings, but I work retail and with everything being so short notice for the community, I have not been able to break free from work to have my voice heard in person.

Like many people in the South Beach neighborhood I have my reservations about the Navigation center that you want to put at Seawall lot 330. I understand the need for facilities to help the chronically homeless, but I do not feel that this location should be considered for this kind of project.

It feels like the city is trying to push this on the neighborhood in a very rushed manner. I am sorry to say but I do not believe you when you say that it is going to be a temporary location. Nothing personal Mayor Breed but many of us feel that Mayor Ed Lee habitually lied to his constituents to get programs passed that were not fully thought out, costing the city millions of dollars. There is still a great lack of trust because of that and it's not being rebuilt with the haste in which decisions are being made about this facility and its proposed location.

I understand that finding the proper location is not an easy task and there are many components involved in making the right decision. Had a location been secured before closing the Navigation center in the Mission I do not believe that we would not be in this position right now. What I'm not understanding is that you are closing the center to build affordable housing, so why wasn't Seawall lot 330 considered for that kind of project instead of a navigation center?

I understand that many spots were turned down due to concerns of leasing costs, renovation costs or neighborhood push back. Where you not concerned about the push back that you would get from our neighborhood? If everything is temporary like you say why do you need to do extensive renovations? If buildings or plots of land have been sitting unused for a year or more and the asking rents/leases were to high what kind of ultimatum was given to the owners of those building/land locations? Did you say that if they couldn't get a market value lessor or sell within 6 months that you were going to invoke the city's use of eminent domain to lease the property at a below market rate for 4 years and offer them a tax break? What about 820 Bryant Street, the location of a county jail for 650 people, why can't you build a mental hospital and a navigation center combination there? You know something more permanent, so we aren't wasting money on temporary fixes? The homeless and their needs are more important than criminals to me.

As you can see my concerns are first and foremost the fact that this location can and should be used for a more permanent project. Veterans who have protected this country and senior citizens who have lived and worked in this community, both who are on fixed incomes, deserve to have affordable housing in such a beautiful location on the

water; not drug addicts or people who are chronically homeless because they don't want to follow the rules of homeless shelters. Or how about we build a Delancey Street extension, FOR WOMEN?!?!? The project has worked wonders for men why have women been left out? You can create a similar building with a café and retail and the woman can have the same kind of program with the discipline and responsibilities that the men have. Neighborhood HOAs would be more accepting of these kinds of project especially seeing the lack of concessions you are offering them and the "just get over it, the navigation center is happening" attitude that Sonja Strauss has so aggressively reiterated to her non-constituents in D6.

Choosing to put a navigation center, with 200+ beds and little to no rules is not only a poorly thought out idea but a reckless disregard of public safety, especially with the number of tourists and families who walk to the baseball, and soon, basketball games. There have already been several verbal and physical attacks on residents at and near that location. Many neighborhood residents do not feel that they can trust the SF Police to keep them safe now let alone when you have 200+ people coming and going as they please. Not having rules about sobriety is also a major major concern. We all know that drug dealers come to this city and target many of the people that you want to help. Don't you think it's a bad idea to have that kind of element so close to Delancey Street???

I unfortunately feel that there is not much that I can say to change your minds about why this shouldn't happen in this location because I feel that you have already decided that it's happening so let me at least offer an idea that could make acceptance a little easier for the neighborhood now and the city in the future.

As everyone knows the majority of homeless centers/services and the homeless are located in D6. Those of us who have chosen to live in D6 feel like our voices and concerns are not being heard because of such groups as YIMBY, who it's been noted clearly bused in people for the initial meetings, yet we are still asked to pay our fair share of taxes.

If you feel it absolutely necessary to disregard neighborhood concerns you might want to offer an incentive that will help their home values stay stable and not drop. I propose that you look at the 11 districts of SF and adjust the tax rate percentage that their property taxes are assessed. The rate would reflect the number of homeless/navigation centers those districts have. For example I feel the districts should have the following tax rates:

District 1 – 2.2%  
District 2 – 2.5%  
District 3 – 2.2%  
District 4 – 1.5%  
District 5 – 2.0%  
District 6 - .75%  
District 7 – 1.3%  
District 8 -1.75%  
District 9 - .8%  
District 10 - .8%  
District 11 – 1.3%

I also propose that any residential building that falls within a 2700 ft (3 NYC block) radius of a navigation center only have to pay a 0.2% tax rate during the time that a facility exists. If you are going to force me to have a facility like this in my back yard that is not a sound business decision for the entire city, I don't want to pay you the same tax rate that the rest of the city, who is not being forced into this kind of situation, pays.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts and feelings.  
Jessica Millstein

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 6:10 PM  
**To:** Joe Petitti  
**Subject:** Re: Please No -Seawall Lot 330-navigation center

No, I am a Mayoral appointed Department head and I serve at the pleasure of the Port Commission.

I do appreciate you reaching out and understand your concerns. I do hope you participate in upcoming meetings and share your thoughts with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Best,  
Elaine

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 22, 2019, at 5:21 PM, Joe Petitti [wrote:](#)

Thanks Elaine - are you in a elected position?  
If so when does your term expire?

On Mar 22, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Forbes, Elaine (PRT) [wrote:](#)

Dear Joe,

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.

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6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
South Beach Harbor Services Community Room  
San Francisco, CA

Lastly, the City is open to attending other community and stakeholder meetings.

Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHSH@sfgov.org](mailto:DHSH@sfgov.org)

Thank you again,

Elaine Forbes

Executive Director

Port of San Francisco

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**From:** Joe Petitti \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Please No -Seawall Lot 330-navigation center

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**From:** Joe Petitti \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** March 19, 2019 at 9:59:45 AM MST  
**To:** [laura.lynch@sfgov.org](mailto:laura.lynch@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330-navigation center

Dear Ms. Forbes,  
I am a resident of the

@

street.

I strongly oppose the establishment of this navigation center.

The quality of life issues are significant for all of us residents that are adjacent to this proposed project.

The issues are at a minimum:

- Safety of residents and their children
- Public nuisance issues
- Open drug and alcohol use
- Loitering 24/7 of homeless
- public defecation

Increased police efforts will not solve most of these issues because they are relatively powerless to arrest or charge the homeless for their regular behaviors.

Sent from my iPhone



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** John Greco  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 7:12 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330

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Elaine,

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.

Regards,

John G. Greco

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** FW: I support the Navigation Center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** John Lisovsky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** I support the Navigation Center

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Dear Ms. Quesada,

I write in support of Mayor Breed's SAFE Navigation Center at the Seawall Lot 330. San Francisco is struggling with an unprecedented homelessness epidemic, and the only way to fix it is with homeless shelters, navigation centers, and permanent supportive housing. Mayor Breed is keeping her promise to the voters with this proposal, and the NIMBY neighbors who are trying to stop her do not speak for San Francisco's voters, who delivered the Mayor her victory last June, on an explicit platform of more housing at every level.

Please communicate to the Port Commission my support for the Navigation Center, and preferably as large as possible — the 225 bed original plan is perfectly reasonable, but a 1,000-bed center would be better still.

Sincerely,

John Lisovsky

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**To:** Jonathan Mayes  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Embarcadero Navigation Center -- Seawall

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**From:** Jonathan Mayes <jonathanmayes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 6:11 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed Embarcadero Navigation Center -- Seawall

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

My wife and I are registered voters and reside in the Rincon Hill Area. We respectfully urge you to oppose efforts to place a second Navigation Center (NC) in our district. I understand the majority of other SF districts do not have one NC and it is unfair and inequitable place an additional one here. The East Cut organization survey has shown that we have far fewer than 225 homeless people typically sleep in our neighborhood. Better to place the facility where there is a greater need, rather than creating a new hub in a different neighborhood.

What's more, this location is attractive and appealing to many tourists who may experience a Giants game or walk the Embarcadero while in town. Having a NC in that area is unlikely to positively enhance their experience or cause them to want to return. In addition, with the new high-rise, high density developments in the Rincon Hill area (e.g., Mira, The Avery) this is increasingly a family area with children. A school or park is a much better use of this prime real estate area.

Please vote "no" on this effort, and explore other districts for this facility.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mayes, Esq.

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: I support the Navigation Center in the Embarcadero -- why isn't it larger?

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** José Pablo González <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 1:06 PM  
**To:** Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** I support the Navigation Center in the Embarcadero -- why isn't it larger?

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Hello,

I want to thank you for your efforts to build a Navigation Center in the Embarcadero. I live in 94105 zip code, and I am excited for our neighborhood to be part of the solution for people who find themselves without a home.

I have a question -- I understand the Navigation Center is only going to take 50% of the space of the lot? Why not make it larger?

Thanks,  
Jose

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Josephine Wong  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:28 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Cc:** Josephine Wong  
**Subject:** Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall lot 330

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Dear Port Commissioners,

Please vote on April 23 to disapprove Mayor Breed 's proposed Navigation Center to house 225 homeless people every 6 weeks on Seawall lot 330.

It is the worst use for the Port, and for the neighborhoods. Please pursue the best interest of the Port !

It absolutely makes no sense to me that Mayor Breed is willing to gather and house 225 known mental and drug using homeless people every 7 weeks at the Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall lot 330.

There are thousands of law abiding residents living next to and close by Seawall lot 330. Their Safety and Health will definitely be negatively affected by these homeless people. Their children will be afraid to play in the nearby playgrounds.

Benefiting couple hundreds homeless people but yet ignore the effect on thousands of residents living close by is Terrible and Heartless. It just confirms to me some politicians are indeed heartless, they only want a quick political fix and ignore the thousands whose lives will be negatively affected.

Navigation centers shall never be allowed to be located in area of densely populated neighborhoods.

There are good reasons why mental hospitals are located in sparsely populated area, or away from any neighborhood.

I am a senior citizen and I am opposed to the proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330.

Josephine Wong

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Juanita Luna  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:** RivamonteMesa, Abigail (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Mahogany, Honey (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Haneystaff (BOS); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); DSHS (HOM); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** info@sfresidents.com  
**Subject:** Engage The ENTIRE SF Community On Navigation Centers

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The Mayor's legislation to fast-track homeless shelters is deeply flawed. The ordinances give the Mayor extraordinary emergency powers and remove the Board of Supervisors' oversight over the process of building shelters. Homelessness is a very real problem that we all need to help solve. However, completely removing meaningful community engagement and Board oversight is no way to achieve a lasting solution. We are now getting a preview of what the Mayor plans to do across the City if given emergency powers. She recently announced plans to build a 225-bed waterfront homeless shelter on The Embarcadero in the middle of a densely populated family neighborhood. The process of picking the site was shrouded in secrecy with no input from citizens or Supervisors. Residents first learned of the plan from the newspaper.

I agree with the Mayor's ultimate goal in addressing this tragic issue. However, eliminating process and not having all districts finally participate is flawed. If the other districts participated as fully as District 6 has, the city would make MUCH more progress.

I urge you to reject the fast-track ordinances (190045 and 190047).

Please, please listen to your community. We all care deeply about the tragic homeless situation. But ALL DISTRICTS must participate. District 6 has fully participated and will again after others do their part. Please respect appropriate process and please listen to us. There are many young families in this neighborhood.

With respect,  
Juanita Luna



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Judy Lin  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:24 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Concerns regarding proposed Navigation Center at SW330

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

Dear Ms. Forbes,

My husband and I have been residents in South Beach since 2008. We are mindful of the homeless problem in San Francisco and consider it the city's most urgent challenge. We are supportive of the Navigation Centers. However, we urge a more thoughtful approach to the current proposal to build a 200 bed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

We have the following concerns with the current proposal:

- SW330 is the most valuable property the Port has. Its development has long been earmarked to rehabilitate Pier 30/32. The Port also requires funds to prevent inundation from rising sea level. Using this site for a Navigation Center for a 4-year period financially hamstrings the Port's current efforts to find solutions for these infrastructure issues.
- Previous Navigation Centers were located away from homes (Dogpatch) or in primarily commercial areas (Mission, Civic Center, 5<sup>th</sup> & Bryant). The South Beach neighborhood is 90% residential. In fact, this center will be adjacent to several condominium and apartment complexes housing thousands of families. We need to understand its impact on residents.
- This Navigation Center is more 2-3 times the size of other navigation at 200 beds. The city has not demonstrated that such a large center can operate without causing safety and health issues. It should not build the first 200 bed center in a residential area.
- The Embarcadero is a prime tourist and resident amenity. Thousands of people run, walk or bike everyday past this site. Tens of thousands of Giants/Warrior fans and concert-goers will be walking past it 150-200 nights a year. The implementation must be done carefully to avoid creating an eyesore, or worse yet, a health or safety hazard

For all these reasons, we urge a more deliberate process that engages your constituents. Please don't ram through such a project without the neighbors' input!

Judy & Alan Dundas



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Kalah Espinoza  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** Haney, Matt (BOS); ourtney.McDonald@sfgov.org; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Gail Gilman  
**Subject:** Note in Support of the proposed Navigation Center

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Dear Mayor Breed and all whom it concerns:

I live at \_\_\_\_\_ and I understand there is a Navigation Center that has been proposed for the vacant parking lot at the corner of Bryant and Embarcadero. I know many of my neighbors are speaking up in opposition to this center, and I would like to speak up in favor of it.

My position is, the San Francisco community has a homelessness problem and the burden to solve it rests on all of our shoulders. What I have read about Navigation Centers is that they seem to be having a positive impact on addressing the problem, and so developing more of them seems like a responsible decision.

What does concern me is that the city has not been a responsible steward of most of the public projects it has been responsible for, MUNI expansion and Salesforce transit centers stand out, and I do not have much confidence that the city will responsibly manage the center. I hope you will all consider a viable plan for managing this property so that it is successful, and consider that the lack of trust my neighbors and I are expressing is well-earned by the city.

Lastly, if the city is asking neighborhoods to step up the plate to address the housing and homelessness crisis, as we should, I hope the city looks inward at how it continues to contribute to the problem. The city and state continue to focus on that things like rent control and vacancy have been proven not to help solve housing affordability, but do little to help streamline housing development that does. We need more housing at all levels (lower, middle and upper) in all parts of the city.

I support the Navigation Center, and I applaud your leadership Mayor Breed, it takes courage to streamline these projects. I also commend your recent comments on housing development, and hope you know there are many in the community like me that support you in your housing mission.

Thank you,

Kalah Espinoza

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Kalah Espinoza

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Kambiz Yeganegi  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 1:36 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Cc:** Quesada, Randolph (PRT); Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Navigation Center - Upcoming Meetings

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We are not saying the waterfront is an exception. We are saying that this location is just a horrible choice and that it's disadvantages way outweighs its advantages, and we're saying that district 6 already has a center and one on its border. It seems like other districts are an exception.

How could it be an exception when it already has two centers and most others don't. Could there be a political reason for this choice?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2019, at 15:53, Quesada, Amy (PRT) <[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon everyone,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your emails and letters to the Port of San Francisco. On behalf of the Port Commission and the Port Director, 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 City is hosting a second community meeting on April 3rd to provide an update and gather additional feedback and community input on the proposed SAFE Embarcadero Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. Details of the meeting are listed below:

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Wednesday April 3, 2019

6:00 - 7:30pm

Delancey Street Foundation

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San Francisco, CA 94107

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### **South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting**

#### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE**

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**CLOUDFLARE**

**101 TOWNSEND STREET**

San Francisco, CA

Lastly, the City is open to attending other community and stakeholder meetings. Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHSH@sfgov.org](mailto:DHSH@sfgov.org)

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*

Port of San Francisco

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415-274-0405

[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Navigation Center on Embarcadero

Thanks,

Amy Quesada  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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

From: Kambiz Yeganegi <  
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:25 PM  
To: Quezada, Randolph (PRT) <randolph.quezada@sfport.com>  
Cc: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
Subject: Re: Navigation Center on Embarcadero

Dear Mr Quezada

Thank you for your response.

I REPEAT:

We are aware of the homeless crisis in SF and empathize with it and have and will support the homeless. However there are the thousands of residents that live in district 6 as well and not just the homeless. The damage and danger the thousands will face way outweighs the benefit to the 230 homeless, and the Mayor seems to be totally oblivious to us the tax payers and residents, and it seems like the port authorities are the same. It's against our Constitution for the governing bodies to impose their will on the people, and this location was chosen without the approval of the residents. This is what big government looks like, I guess. We will fight this to the end and if the authorities impose this on us we will express ourselves in the voting booths.

Sincerely

Kam Yeganegi

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 20, 2019, at 08:45, Quezada, Randolph (PRT) <randolph.quezada@sfport.com> wrote:

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> Dear Kam and Homa,

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> Rip Mallow forwarded your message on to me regarding the proposed Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330.

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> 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. Today, the City will be joining a special Joint meeting of the Central Waterfront and Northeast Waterfront Advisory Groups tomorrow, to present the proposal, and gather additional feedback and input. Details of the meeting are listed below:

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> Joint CWAG and NEWAG Meeting Information Wednesday, March 20

> 5:30-7:30pm Pier 1, The Embarcadero

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> The City will also join the South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 8th.

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> 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 SAFE Embarcadero Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330.

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> Community Meeting Information

> Wednesday April 3, 2019

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> 600 The Embarcadero

> San Francisco, CA 94107

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> Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the

> Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)

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> Thank you again,

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> Randy Quezada

> Communications Director

> Port of San Francisco

> 415.274.0488 | [Randolph.Quezada@sfport.com](mailto:Randolph.Quezada@sfport.com) Instagram | Facebook |

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Malloy, Rip (PRT)

> Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:39 AM

> To: Quezada, Randolph (PRT)

> Cc: Amaro, Demetri (PRT); Martin, Michael (PRT)

> Subject: FW: Navigation Center on Embarcadero

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kambiz Yeganegi

> Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:00 PM

> To: Malloy, Rip (PRT)

> Subject: Navigation Center on Embarcadero

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> Dear Mr Malloy

> I know there's an advisory board meeting RE this unbelievably idiotic project which was put forth by Mayor Breed.

> My wife and I reside at the Watermark building which is adjacent to the parking lot this center is being planned to be built.

> We're in the West Coast right now and we were hoping that you'd kindly have the Board hear our voice RE this matter.

> While we support aiding the homeless in our city, we totally oppose the location the City geniuses came up with due to the following reasons:

> 1) From an economic point of view this is the most expensive location the Port owns estimated to be worth over \$30 million. It generates about \$800, 000 annually just in parking space income. Any income producing project such as shops and cafes or a boutique hotel could generate millions for the port and the city. So in addition to the cost of building and supporting this center for 230 individuals it would be a multi million dollar opportunity loss of income for our City and Port.

> 2) This location is known as the jewel of SF. It has an unbelievable view of the Bay Bridge and the Bay and it is the pathway for tourists and spectators of the Giants and the Warriors which consist of millions of sightseers and fans of our two teams and obviously the premises that will be built will ruin the beauty of Embarcadero and create much trouble for the passerbyers. This will damage our tourism industry and small businesses in the neighborhood.

> 3) From a social point of view this center will dramatically impact the safety And cleanliness of our neighborhood as drugs will be openly used in this premises and syringes and other paraphernalia will be disposed and scattered in the neighborhood, crime is a known fact about the homeless community and recently the noticeable in crime rates of the homeless was on the news. Police response to calls in neighborhood has been reported to be over 20 minutes. For heavens sakes families with children and seniors as well as others who reside in the neighborhood often take a stroll on this block and either pass by this location in drones or some even use the parking lot have their children play in.

> 4) There are more preschool and childcare facilities in this neighborhood than in any other in SF. Our children and their caretakers face much danger.

> 5) There has been attacks on seniors, joggers, strollers, and children by the homeless in the neighborhood while there are only a few homeless here. Just imagine what could happen if hundreds of mostly addicts and mentally disturbed people are gathered in one place in the neighborhood.

> 6) District 6 already has two navigation centers and most other districts in the city don't have any.

> How come?

> 7) One side of the spectrum there are the 200 homeless which we all empathize with and want to help, and on the other side of the spectrum there are the thousands of residents, families, homeowners, businesses, passerbyers, and tourists that will be effected by the certain number of issues that such centers bring to any neighborhoods such as drugs, crime, and an unpleasant environment. The question is should thousands face danger and an infested environment in order to help a few hundred? Can there not be a better location so that it's not a drastic lose/win situation?

> 8) The authorities who run the Navigation Centers have limited resources and not a proven record of success. They have managed a few much smaller centers with still outstanding unsolved issues that have spilled out into the neighborhoods.

> Who will take responsibility for the consequences of these centers some of which could be traumatic for the residents of adjacent neighborhoods. Will Mayor Breed take responsibility???

> 9) Last but not least from a structural point of view two prominent architects have testified that building even light temporary buildings poses quite a bit of geological and structural issues and hazards in this location if the infrastructure is not overhauled and rebuilt in a major way.

> So as you can see this location simply DOES NOT MAKE SENSE from every angle you look at it.

> The City stands to lose, the public stands to lose, the residents stand to lose, and there'll be a significant loss of property and business values.

> Thank you for your time and attention and we would appreciate it if you have the board hear us as well.

> Respectfully,

> Kam & Homa Yeganegi

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> Sent from my iPhone

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Seawall Lot 330 - Homeless Navigation Center

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111  
415-274-0405  
[amy.quesada@sfport.com](mailto:amy.quesada@sfport.com)

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**From:** Karen Justis  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Seawall Lot 330 - Homeless Navigation Center

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Dear Amy,

I remain aligned with Mayor London Breed in wanting to help solve the issue of homelessness in San Francisco. I voted for her, and I voted for the initiatives to grant more funding for this. However, we are not in alignment regarding her proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330 as a homeless solution for a host of reasons.

I believe this is a lose-lose situation, and a center at this site is bad for the homeless, bad for the Port of San Francisco and bad for the neighboring residents.

I do not believe homeless people will thrive at this location void of hospitals, government services, mental health facilities, food distribution centers and affordable food options close by. Additionally, this is an extremely congested area with thousands of commuters on all surrounding streets getting onto the Bay Bridge and thousands of event-goers and tourists. Police and emergency medical vehicles will have much difficulty entering and exiting the area to provide the necessary support for all.

It is already challenging for the Port to manage the tremendous, varied activities of residents and visitors as pedestrians, bicyclists, scooters, skateboarders and pedicab utilizers along the Embarcadero. There is a high likelihood that this proposed Navigation center would become a magnet for more encampments, increase crime and create more liability.

Seawall Lot 330 is not an environmentally sound location and is an asphalt parking lot not retrofitted for a strong earthquake, which all experts agree is imminent. This is a liquefaction zone with chemicals near the surface of the asphalt. It could be dangerous for the homeless and nearby residents to especially fast-track this project without important, competent environmental reviews. Without these reviews, the Port would have liability for any construction that adversely impacted the Watermark building and its residents should there be any water, gas and sewage tie-ins.

Seawall Lot 330 is located in a densely populated residential area with many children, and for residents this will be bad. A large homeless population will be imported into South Beach and so will crime. The economically challenged homeless are not the issue; rather, it's the plethora of homeless who are suffering from mental illness and who are practicing drug addicts and alcoholics. I have relatives in these 3 categories, and I can assure you that no navigation center solves the core issues of mental illness, and drug and alcohol addiction, especially with a no-use policy inside but use-allowance outside in perimeter areas. It's hospitals and rehab facilities that are needed as well as a willingness to become well, clean and sober. These elements are not addressed and are missing from this proposed navigation center.

I own and live in a condominium close to Seawall Lot 330. I am hardworking and pay hefty property taxes; taxes which automatically increase by 2% per year. With this action of importing homelessness into our neighborhood and further loading up on and discriminating against District 6, Mayor Breed will be diminishing, for me and my neighbors, quality of life, safety, property values and value as reliable, law-abiding residents of SF. This plan sacrifices my neighbors and I in order to help those who are homeless. I am not responsible for the homeless situation nor are my residential neighbors; yet, the mayor is asking us to bear the brunt of the burden while stating repeatedly that all districts need to share in having shelters.

The fast-tracking of this navigation center without true consideration of and input from the community has created tremendous chaos and stress, press and legal action. Completely unnecessary! I have to believe that her intentions were not to be divisive; however, that is what the outcome is. This divisiveness sets up the project for failure with negativity surrounding all aspects, including maintenance, if it is approved and pushed through.

I wholeheartedly urge you to pause, reconsider the overall impact of a homeless center on the prime Embarcadero property Seawall Lot 330, protect my rights and those of my neighbors and decide that there are other, more viable solutions that can and will be better to pursue for the homeless. I ask you to please forgo this site as an option.

Sincerely,  
Karen Justis



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**To:** Kevin Tu  
**Subject:** RE: Oppose Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

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**From:** Kevin Tu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Oppose Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Elaine,

I am writing in response to the proposed construction of a navigation center in my community, on Seawall Lot 330. Over the past few weeks, I have just learned about this project and am surprised at the speed by which this proposal is being pushed through. I have serious concerns about the plan and with the process at which this is being handled.

I have lived in this community for quite some time, and being a long time resident here I am well aware of the homeless issues we face in this city. I agree that we need to make an effort to help those in need. While I support the establishment of additional homeless and navigation centers, **I strongly oppose of placing it literally in the midst of a dense residential neighborhood.** The proposed location of Seawall Lot 330 is IMMEDIATELY adjacent to large clusters of condos and apartments. Families of all sorts live in this neighborhood, with children and elderly, who have made the conscious decision to live in this neighborhood due to many factors around its safety, health conditions, and environment. To construct a center like that would be to seriously jeopardize these conditions everyday for current and new residents. In addition, the nature of **this location being right on the Embarcadero means it is a high pedestrian traffic area for commuters and for residents of the neighborhood alike, the safety of whom would all be affected.**

My family and I are expecting our first child. While this itself is exciting, I cannot in good conscious say I feel safe allowing my wife to walk around the neighborhood with a new baby if this center were built here. Addressing the homeless needs should be a shared responsibility across the entire city of San Francisco, and not just in this district, which has been the site for multiple navigation centers and homeless centers. I believe there is a right place and a wrong place to build a navigation center, and within a family-friendly residential neighborhood is not.

I am extremely disappointed and concerned in the course this has taken, and I hope the Port of SF strongly considers the repercussions this has on the safety, health, and overall well being of residents in this community.

Kevin Tu  
resident of District 6

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** laura berner  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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March 29, 2019

Port Commission  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1, The Embarcadero  
San Francisco, CA 94111

### **Subject: Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330**

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Our building's residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

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District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

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## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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Thanks,

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**From:** Laura Fingal-Surma **Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 9:57 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:** Fwd: Build it for the kids!

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**From:** Laura Fingal-Surma

**Date:** Thu, Apr 4, 2019 at 9:59 AM

**Subject:** Build it for the kids!

**To:** <[DHS@sfgov.org](mailto:DHS@sfgov.org)>

My partner works two blocks away from the proposed navigation center, and our children are transferring to a daycare near there very soon. The kids are all right, and the expansion of navigation center capacity will improve the experience of children all over our city who encounter troubling street behavior on a daily basis, such as on the commute to their present daycare served by Civic Center Station. In the absence of available navigation centers, the waiting rooms are on our streets.

We must do better, and the Mayor is admirably leading the charge, doing what San Franciscans elected her to do. It is shameful that NIMBYs are intentionally wasting our tax dollars through opposition and pressure to decrease the capacity of this center. A reduction in size would be less cost-effective, and most importantly, less effective at actually sheltering people.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with this site. In fact, it seems superior to the existing sites in many ways such as its size and excellent transit access.

The best investment of our collective tax dollars is in demonstrating that efforts to undermine the navigation center program and similar necessities for the greater good will not succeed. That wealthier neighborhoods, including my own



(Noe Valley), will not get a pass. That neighborhoods may shape the details of new navigation centers but not threaten their existence or capacity.

Also, I think the designs that were presented were actually quite beautiful. Especially compared to the status quo of a surface parking lot which is a ridiculous land use in such a premium location.

Thank you,  
Laura Fingal-Surma

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Safe Embarcadero for All

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Lea Bowmer >  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Safe Embarcadero for All

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Regards,

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**From:** Leo Quilici  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 1:00 PM  
**To:** Haneystaff (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); DSHS (HOM)  
**Cc:** McDonald, Courtney (BOS); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Mega Navigation Center on Lot 330

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Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney,

This correspondence is to state my opposition to the proposed Navigation Center along the Embarcadero. I attended the Port Commission and Community Meetings and heard the very high majority attendee opposition opinions against the project.

- I believe that much of the opposition is rooted in the same argument as when the Warriors wanted to build an arena on piers 30-32. I doubt many residents were opposed to the Warriors returning to SF but opponents were concerned about one of the city's major attractions for residents and visitors – the Embarcadero - being spoiled and that's what voters proved in the election.
- I don't recall there was much opposition to the Navigation Center at 5<sup>th</sup> & Bryant, which is only 4-5 blocks from the proposed additional Center.
- It's hard to imagine the Port Commission taking one of the prime development areas along the Embarcadero and allowing it to be committed to another purpose for four years. And residents find it hard to believe that the City of SF will vacate the site after 4 years and many millions of dollars being spent. The City should focus on a location where investment will carry into the future. A village of tents or prefabricated buildings will be an instant, attention-getting eyesore. It's hard to imagine the City approving such a development anywhere in SF for other commercial or residential purposes – why should the City be able to do undertake such a project.
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Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 3:55 PM  
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- I believe that much of the opposition is rooted in the same argument as when the Warriors wanted to build an arena on piers 30-32. I doubt many residents were opposed to the Warriors returning to SF but opponents were concerned about one of the city's major attractions for residents and visitors being spoiled and that's what voters proved in the election.
- I don't recall there was much opposition to the Navigation Center at 5<sup>th</sup> & Bryant, which is only 4-5 blocks from the proposed additional Center. The majority of residents are concerned about what happens to the pristine Embarcadero and not about having a navigation center nearby.
- It's hard to imagine the Port Commission taking one of the prime development areas along the Embarcadero and allowing it to be committed to another purpose for four years. And residents find it hard to believe that the City of SF will vacate the site after 4 years and many millions of dollars being spent. The City should focus on a location where investment will carry into the future. A village of tents or prefabricated buildings will be an instant, attention-getting eyesore. It's hard to imagine the City approving such a development anywhere in SF for other commercial or residential purposes – why should the City be able to do undertake such a project.
- The Port Commission is opening itself up to significant legal liability. Regardless of any indemnification by the City of SF, lawsuits will inevitably embroil the Port as owner of the property. The first step in this direction may be the City's intent to ramrod their proposal into effect by bypassing normal approval processes.

California residents, especially those in SF, rely upon the Port to protect the integrity of the waterfront aesthetically, legally, financially and safety interests of all.

Sincerely,  
Leo Quilici



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Lilianna Liu  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 10:55 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Cc:** Quesada, Amy (PRT)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Director Forbes,

My name is **Lilianna Liu-Janders**. I am a resident of SWL 330, **a block away from** our residential community. While we share the commitment of the City and Port to reduce homelessness, the **location** of the proposed navigation center at SWL 330 poses many unmitigable problems and unacceptable outcomes for our neighborhood, including increased risks to public safety, property crime, and public nuisance; degradation of neighborhood quality of life and livability; and perhaps most importantly, non-compliance of land use with the SF Port's own Waterfront Plan and City plans.

### RESIDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

#### Magnet for Homeless Outside Center

It is inevitable that the proposed navigation center will attract large congregations of street people outside. It has been documented in published reports that areas that border on homeless shelters have more problems with crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and other criminal activities. These conditions will have a negative impact upon pedestrians and attendees of Giants games walking along the Embarcadero, and our neighborhood in general.

#### Fails to Integrate with Community

No land use could be more distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use than the proposed navigation center's temporary structures and tents. Any development which requires 24/7 police protection around its perimeter has no place in a thriving residential neighborhood. It is clearly an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use within our residential neighborhood.

#### Risks to Public Safety

Our building is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the center, 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.

#### Increase in Property Crime

The surrounding streets of Bryant, Main, Harrison and the Embarcadero have some of the highest rates of vehicle break-ins in the City, with many of these crimes proven to be committed by the homeless. Locating the proposed navigation center so close to our residences, businesses, and property will make an untenable situation worse and degrade our quality of life.

#### Degradation of Quality of Life

Our building's residents—and our neighborhood in general—already endure continuous periods of gridlocked traffic throughout the day which negatively impacts our area. We see no value—nor justice—in compounding the existing problems of our neighborhood with the proposed navigation center and the crime, violence, drug use, loitering, and criminal activities it will bring.

#### Disproportionate Use of District 6 for Homeless

District 6 already has an 84-bed navigation center at 5th and Bryant Streets, in close proximity to the proposed site on SWL 330. Locating another navigation center so close to 5th and Bryant places a disproportionate and undue burden of homelessness upon our residential neighborhood. Other districts must do their fair share to ease the homelessness problem by accommodating navigation centers.

#### Navigation Centers Belong in Non-Residential Areas

It makes no sense to destroy a safe, upscale, desirable neighborhood for the sake of a political agenda. Intelligent city planning is about context. Navigation centers, due to their temporary nature, should be located in industrial/commercial areas, where they **will not** pose a threat to the safety of established residential communities and families. Why place it at SWL 330, in the middle of a thriving residential community?

#### **Fallacy of Locating Centers Where Homeless Are**

Also, it is **not** about placing navigation centers where the homeless are—navigation center admittance is by referral only. Locating a navigation center in a residential neighborhood by definition brings homeless to that area—**ours**—who were not there before. If the Port’s goal is to reduce homelessness on Port property, the proposed navigation center will do the exact opposite.

#### **PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES**

As an engaged citizen who has dutifully participated in and commented upon the numerous Port Workshops on the development of SWL 330 for over two decades, I am also deeply troubled by the City and Port proposing a navigation center at this location.

#### **Inappropriate Land Use per Community Input**

Engaged citizens of the area contributed their valuable time to participate in many input sessions and workshops with both Port and City officials regarding potential land use for SWL 330. Never has our community supported a navigation center as an appropriate land use for the site. It is out of place, out of character, and inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. If community input is to be disregarded, why have we attended, participated in, and commented upon all these sessions?

#### **Impedes Public Access to Waterfront**

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 navigation center 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.

#### **Fails to Comply with SF Port Waterfront Plan—or Any Plans**

The use of SWL 330 for a proposed navigation center fails to comply with the SF Port Waterfront Plan or any other adopted plans, including the Rincon Hill, Better Streets, and Eastern Neighborhoods Plans. If the use is non-compliant with any approved Plans that citizens took time out their working day to contribute to and comment upon, why have any Plans at all? Why should the mayor be allowed to subvert the will of the residents most adversely affected by the location of the proposed navigation center?

#### **Disregards All Waterfront Plan Update Recommendations**

Land use of SWL 330 as a proposed navigation center is in direct opposition to all Working Group Recommendations stated in the most recent SF Port Waterfront Plan Update of June 22, 2018 for improving use and development of SWL 330:

- *“Complement the character of surrounding neighborhoods;”*

The proposed navigation center is distinctly out of character for the South Beach community of high-end residential and office use.

- *“Provide a pleasing transition from the City-side to the Bay, and ground floor activation to enhance the pedestrian environment;”*

To the contrary, the proposed portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of the city as an improper, unsuitable, and incompatible use. Pedestrians and Giants attendees will be forced to cross the street to avoid being harassed by the homeless outside the shelter.

- *and “Generate revenues for Port capital improvements.”*

The loss of the \$700,000 currently generated at SWL 330 will be greatly detrimental to the Port’s efforts to fund much-needed capital improvements.

#### **“FAST TRACK” LEGISLATION ISSUES**

#### **Removal of Planning, Permitting, and Other Regulatory Review**

Any attempt to “fast track” approval of the navigation center through proposed legislation eliminating planning, permitting and other regulatory review is a blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people. The legislation puts the Mayor’s goal of building 1000 new shelter beds ahead of all other legitimate considerations. It will ignore critical planning and environmental safeguards built into the process to protect citizens, stifle essential community input and discussion, and essentially defy the will of citizens in the residential neighborhood most adversely affected by the proposed navigation center.

#### **Dangerous Precedent for Individual Districts**

The legislation will not only affect SWL 330, but sets a dangerous precedent for navigation centers to be located in densely populated residential family neighborhoods, ignoring the adverse impacts upon each district and its constituents, and ceding critical legislative power to the executive branch at the expense of individual district voters.

#### **Lack of Responsibility and Accountability**

This proposed legislation will only serve to diminish our neighborhood’s faith in government responsibility and accountability to the citizens it purports to represent and serve. To “fast track” a project this problematic and controversial is irresponsible, short-sighted, and wrong.

**CONCLUSION**

I respectfully request that you oppose the location of the proposed navigation center on SWL 330 and any “fast-track” legislation designed to railroad its approval. This is not what our residential neighborhood needs, wants, or represents.

Respectfully,

Lilianna Liu-Janders

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Navigation Center

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**From:** B G <bloomiesgirl000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 5:02 PM  
**To:** Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Navigation Center

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Hi Amy,

Thank you for the note.

I am very disappointed by the community meeting held after the hearing at the SF Port Commission. The Delancey Street meeting seemed to be taken over by people who do not live in this neighborhood. Mayor's office painted a peachy picture, promising security, inviting someone from DogPatch to tell us not to worry. Why having someone who lives 8 or 9 blocks away from the DogPatch Navigation Center tell people who are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Navigation Center?

The proposed Sea Wall Lot 330 is the **WRONG** place for a Navigation Center. There are thousands of people living, working within 1 block of the Sea Wall Lot 330. There is so much foot traffic along Embarcadero. Can anyone guarantee no homelessness, no drugs, no needles, no crimes, no mental health patients on the street within a few blocks of the Navigation Center? Can anyone guarantee the safety of the residents in the neighborhood? I don't think so.

We all have experiences with people promising things that they cannot keep. Please understand that it's the residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site that get affected the most. We are not talking about an industrial zone. This is a high density residential neighborhood we are talking about, In addition, tourists and anyone who walks on Embarcadero can be affected.

About homelessness issue in the city, please understand people do move around, not just within the city, also across city, across state.

If the Mayor listens, she should find a location for the Navigation Center which is not detrimental to tens of thousands of people.

Thank you for listening,  
Linda

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

Thanks,

*Amy Quesada*  
Port of San Francisco  
Pier 1 SF 94111

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**From:** Linda Wei  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 4:49 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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Hi All,

Please forward this email to the other port commissioners that are not on this distribution list.

Let the facts speak for themselves. Please watch the video included in the twitter link and imagine what would happen to the South Beach neighborhood with a Mega Navigation Center when no-one is accountable.

The future of the South Beach neighborhood is in your hands.

[Safe Embarcadero on Twitter](#)



### **Safe Embarcadero on Twitter**

"San Francisco, #D6. @MattHaneySF @SF\_HSH & @LondonBreed just opened a new #homeless Navigation Center promising..."

Thank you for listening,

Linda Wei  
A concerned South Beach resident

## **Quesada, Amy (PRT)**

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**Subject:** FW: VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER at Bryant and Embarcadero (Seawall Lot 330)

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**From:** Nelson, Lori

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 12:56 PM

**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

**Subject:** VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER at Bryant and Embarcadero (Seawall Lot 330)

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Dear Ms. Forbes and Ms. Quesada,

I am forwarding an email to you that I wrote to Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney this morning, stating my strong opposition, along with my fellow homeowners, to the proposed HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER at Bryant and Embarcadero (Seawall Lot 330). My neighbors and I will be attending the Port Commission Hearing on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m., to state our strong opposition, and we plan to fight this proposed Homeless Navigation Center with every fiber of our beings. We are mobilizing everyone in our neighborhood, as we speak.

Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney,

I have been a Homeowner for 24 years and I (along with my fellow Homeowners) are **VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED** to this proposed Homeless Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330.

We are hard-working, taxpaying Citizens who work 8-10-12 hour days, and sometimes weekends, just to have the privilege of living Downtown in the SOMA/Financial District, near the Embarcadero.

We have all endured countless car break-ins, parking garage theft, bicycle and motorcycle theft, and our corner store (The Gabby) has had their windows smashed 3 times in the last quarter.

Every day when I walk the two blocks from my condo to the Muni, I have to step over human feces, urine, condoms, needles and trash. My neighbors and I cannot take our dogs to the dog park, because of the hypodermic needles and condoms, and human urine and feces all over the sidewalk. God only knows what diseases we may all catch from the human feces all over the City sidewalks. (Hepatitis, etc.)?

How about locating this Homeless Navigation Center in **THE TENDERLOIN**? Why are you penalizing the decent hardworking taxpaying Citizens of the SOMA neighborhood?

Everyone I speak with wants to relocate and move out of this City as soon as they possibly can, however, many of us have jobs in this City where we've been working for 30 years, and cannot retire yet.

Soon, you are going to have a MASS EXODUS of the good, decent hardworking taxpaying Citizens, and all you are going to have left is a City of Homeless People.

When I moved here 26 years ago, San Francisco was a beautiful, charming City by the Bay, and I was so proud to have my family and friends come to visit my beautiful City.

NOW, I'm ashamed of my City, and I tell people not to come visit. This City is a DISGRACE and a CESSPOOL!

PLEASE reconsider relocating this Homeless Navigation Center SOMEWHERE ELSE! ANYWHERE ELSE! We are BEGGING YOU!!!

Sincerely,  
Lori Nelson



## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Marcus V. da Cunha  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:46 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Navigation Centre on Embarcadero

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Hi there, Elaine. How are things?

The sentiment is still the same. My wife and I oppose the Navigation Centre barely 1 1/2 blocks from our home. Together with the shelter and Navigation Centre on 5th Street, our neighbourhood will not experience any improvements, and a second Navigation Centre will only exacerbate our homeless problems. Let's find another district to share the load of the City's homelessness crisis.

I've attended the Port's meeting yesterday, and my wife joined me for the stakeholder meeting in the evening. We left the stakeholder meeting early, due to other obligations. But here's things I've learned.

On the way out of the stakeholder meeting, I asked a couple of people wearing 'Yes' stickers where they live, and neither live in South Beach/SOMA. The in-favour bloke from Dog Patch who lives '8-9 blocks from the Navigation Centre' ... well, that's borderline insulting. So far, the only in-favour person that lives near a Navigation Centre, is the City/project representative and his family on Van Ness. I couldn't find anybody supporting the Embarcadero Navigation Centre that lives near Seawall Lot 330.

I've learned the City is actually considering/willing to pay 'fair market value' rent for Seawall Lot 330. Well, that changes things considerably. That means the City can rent Cow Palace, Mascone Centre, SFGH and dozens of building throughout the area. And during the Port's meeting, a woman suggested to build a Navigation Centre on the lawn in front of the City Hall, which, in my humble estimate, it's large enough to host thousands of homeless folk. I mean it, these two points must be discussed.

One last point, it's CEQA/NEPA compliance. I believe Seawall Lot 330 would require a full ESA Phase III remediation before habitation. And it would probably trigger a full EIR. Non-compliance with CEQA carries hefty penalties, both fines and imprisonment.

This project is ill-conceived, rushed-up, unanimously rejected by true neighbours, and only supported by out-of-area people. We all want to help and solve the homelessness situation, and we already do our share. Now it's time for other districts to share the load.

Thanks, best,

Marcus

## LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

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**From:** Marcus V. da Cunha  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Subject:** Shelter on the Embarcadero

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

Hi again, Elaine. I trust all's well with you.

My wife and I remain opposed to a homeless shelter on the Embarcadero. While we continue to support the fight against and the causes of homelessness, and we'll continue to donate and volunteer for the cause, this proposed shelter on the Embarcadero is a colossal and epic failure in understanding the surroundings.

Our South Beach, Rincon Hill and east SOMA area is home to over 10,000 people, from new borns to elderly, from proper athletes to folk in wheelchairs. On a fair weather day, over 600 people use the to-be-shelter sidewalks, per hour, during the weekday rush hours. (I counted it on 11 March.) Usage during weekends and Giants' games is much higher. This shelter will wreck the neighbourhood. Homeless folk aren't easygoing. I have experience volunteering at the shelter. I know the drill. They have problems. In plain numbers, 225 beds, each occupied by a different person in average every six weeks, that's 1,950 new 'neighbours' per year. Over the proposed minimum period of four years, that's close to 8,000 new 'neighbours' with social problems, abuse problems, health problems, etc. That's nearly the entire population of our neighbourhood. That's insane! Unconscionable!

There are many problems to list, but to focus on one alone: dogs. Homeless folk don't own cuddly Shih Tzu's. They have Pitbulls and mixes thereof. Often time aggressive dogs, not accustomed to playing nice with other dogs and humans, and rarely trained, vaccinated and neutered. That's insane! This shelter will wreck the neighbourhood.

I've attended four presentations about the shelter. The officials and employees say they have a long criteria list for choosing this location; public land, access to public transportation, etc. Public outreach and acceptance isn't on the list, or if it is, it's never mention.

The Embarcadero is the wrong location for a homeless shelter. I urge you to work with the Mayor and the community to find a better place for the shelter.

Thank you,

Marcus