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**EXPERT STUDY REVEALS UNAVOIDABLE SAFETY AND SECURITY
ISSUES WITH A'S HOWARD TERMINAL PROJECT**

Thorough analysis by the Edward Davis Company, a national leader in enterprise security risk assessment, finds seven critical vulnerabilities in the under-planned project

OAKLAND, Calif. -- Today, the Ed Davis Company released a comprehensive report analyzing the safety and security of the A's proposed development at the Port of Oakland, which includes a ballpark, luxury condos, and high-rise office space. Recognized for their work on national crisis and emergency response, the firm's team met with port tenants, maritime businesses, the Oakland Police Department, Union Pacific, and labor leaders to conduct its assessment, which included surveying the project site and reviewing the detailed description provided in the City of Oakland's Draft Environmental Impact Report.

The final analysis identifies a number of serious safety and security concerns that would put the lives of existing and new residents, ballpark visitors, and maritime workers at risk should the project move forward. The key vulnerabilities of the waterfront project include:

- Lack of safe pedestrian access
- Dangerous traffic conditions
- Limited emergency access and evacuation
- Vulnerability to terrorist events
- Prevalence of toxic and hazardous materials
- Limited public safety resources
- Waterway congestion

A link to the full report is available [here](#).

"Any elected official reviewing the viability of this plan should have serious concerns for the safety of the thousands who live near or visit this project," said Ed Davis, former Police Commissioner of the City of Boston and CEO of the Ed Davis Company. "This development would create one of the largest evacuation disaster scenarios I have seen in my 35 years in public safety, and presents both immediate and long-term safety risks."

"As we rejoin crowds after more than a year apart, the City of Oakland has a greater responsibility to consider the health and safety of its residents. Crowd safety is essential whether the threat is from natural disasters, terror, cyberattack, or gun violence," said Professor Juliette Kayyem of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a former Department of Homeland Security official in the Obama Administration. "In the case of any major threat to public safety, tens of thousands of people could be trapped with few exit routes and limited access for law enforcement."



The report concludes that Howard Terminal is an unsafe location for a ballpark or residences and poses a unique safety threat due to its proximity to an active rail line, a heavy truck corridor, and the Oakland Estuary. With limited ingress and egress routes and the potential for serious traffic congestion, emergency access and evacuation will be especially challenging should a disaster-level event take place. The analysts' overall assessment is that regardless of the limited mitigation measures proposed, the project cannot satisfy basic safety needs of the community and jurisdiction due to insurmountable vulnerabilities.

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The Ed Davis Company is a team of highly experienced subject matter experts with specialties spanning the physical security spectrum, including emergency preparedness and response and continuity of business and workforce. Edward Davis, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Edward Davis Company, has over 35 years of experience in public health and safety and led the highly successful response to the Boston Marathon bombing.

East Oakland Stadium Alliance is a coalition of Oakland community leaders, businesses, and baseball fans deeply concerned about the A's proposal to leave the team's current Coliseum location in East Oakland in favor of building a new stadium in an inaccessible, industrial site in West Oakland's working waterfront at Howard Terminal. For more information, please visit <http://www.eastoaklandstadiumalliance.com>.