



TREASURE ISLAND SAILING CENTER
Launching Point for New Horizons

October 30, 2017

Dear Madame Chair Tsen and Directors of the Treasure Island Development Authority:

Thank you for your time today. As you know, I am Carisa Harris Adamson, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Treasure Island Sailing Center Foundation. On behalf of our Board and staff, I accept the proposed marina expansion plan.

Because this acceptance has been misrepresented numerous times, I need to clarify some items.

As we have detailed repeatedly, this proposed marina expansion would have significant negative impacts on our programs. The proposed expansion will take-over one-third of the Cove, not the 13% that TIE has represented. TIE is including inaccessible and unprotected waters well east of the mouth of the cove in their calculation that cannot be used for our programs. As a result of taking up a third of the Cove, all of our beginner youth sailing programs will be affected, including Set Sail Learn our STEM program for San Francisco public schools which will lose one-third of the area it currently sails in. Additionally, access to the beach, an important destination of our young sailors will be blocked for many new sailors who will not be able to sail through the narrow space between the wave attenuator and YBI. Finally, our High School, College and Adult Sailors, the latter which have been sailing in the Cove since we began in 1999, will no longer be able to hold regattas in the Cove because of the lack of space.

We accepted this Marina Proposal because we were otherwise facing a staff-approved proposal that would have essentially shut us out of the Cove altogether, forcing us to shut down most of our current programs, especially our youth programs. The current Marina Proposal will not force us to shut down. It will allow us to continue to exist and to provide our programs, albeit with a large number of reductions, modifications and restrictions. So to be clear, TISC is only pleased that we will not have to shut down and that we will be able to continue our services to the community.

Clearly, many people in the sailing and education community oppose this concession because they understand, on a professional and personal level, the damage that will be done. Though they believe we saved what we could, they also understand what will be given up with this particular marina plan.

Whatever decision you make today, please make them fully informed. I am formally submitting this statement and two letters, one of which explains the technical aspects of the changes that will be made if the proposed marina gets built, the other of which responds to some of the comments made by Mr. Jay Wallace in his letter to the TIDA Board dated October 26th.

I will continue to accept and not fight the current marina proposal per our agreement made on November 5, 2016. However, I will also continue to correct misrepresentations whenever they are made so that decision makers understand the impact this proposal will have on public access and community programs at TISC so an informed decision can be made.

Ultimately, it is up to San Francisco leaders to decide what is best for the entire community, not TIE or TISC.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carisa Harris Adamson".

Carisa Harris Adamson