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TO: Treasure Island Development Authority, San Francisco Planning Department, San Francisco Planning Commission, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

FROM: George Wooding, President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN)

CSFN RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR CLIPPER COVE

WHEREAS, Treasure Island's Clipper Cove is a unique harbor that is San Francisco's largest and most valuable protected open water cove;

WHEREAS, a new development proposed by Treasure Island Enterprises, to demolish the existing small boat marina in Clipper Cove and construct a new luxury marina dedicated exclusively for very large yachts running 40'-80' in length, would damage existing recreational, educational, and cultural activities in Clipper Cove and would pose a significant unidentified threat to the ecology of the Cove;

WHEREAS, presently Clipper Cove is the home to San Francisco's only community sailing center, the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC), which provides sailing for several thousand youth each year, including a sailing STEM program for over 1,500 San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) 4th graders, most of whom have their first experience on the Bay through this program;

WHEREAS, the proposed development would increase the footprint of the marina from 7% of the Cove to 32% of the Cove, displacing Sailing Center activities, entirely blocking some beginning sailors from the inner Cove where the water is most protected and reducing the area available for recreational boaters to anchor overnight in the calm waters found in Clipper Cove;

WHEREAS, found underwater in the southern portion of Clipper Cove is valuable native eelgrass which provides important habitat for wildlife in San Francisco Bay;

WHEREAS, according to the State of California, the wave attenuator wall proposed as part of the new luxury marina is likely to generate new siltation in the Cove requiring regular maintenance dredging, factors that could likely negatively impact the eelgrass without proper mitigation;

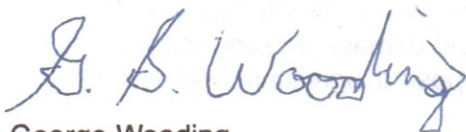
WHEREAS, in a feasibility study on the proposed project, the State of California noted that similar development at the San Francisco Marina by the Marina Green resulted in unanticipated siltation, the dredging of which currently runs to \$500,000 a year and recommended budgeting \$150,000 a year in maintenance dredging for the proposed Clipper Cove project, a recommendation the developers have declined to accept;

WHEREAS, the State's estimate of dredging costs documents that the project sponsor, Treasure Island Enterprises, has not studied nor identified the potential threat of changing siltation and has not identified mitigation measures to protect the eelgrass;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) opposes the proposed marina development and endorses the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC) minimum impact alternative option for Clipper Cove. Under the alternative option, the number of berths in the marina would double and the average berth would increase in length from 31ft. to a maximum of 42ft. This compromise would allow for a dramatic increase in the development of Clipper Cove but still have minimum impact on public access to Clipper Cove and minimum impact on the health of the Bay.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Francisco should evaluate how any proposed marina development would impact sedimentation in Clipper Cove before approving said proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. B. Wooding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "G" and "W".

George Wooding
President CSFN