



April 22, 2015

Rebecca Kaplan, Council Member At Large
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for the CED Committee recommendation to dedicate 25% of the "remainder parcel" land sale proceeds to a fund devoted to maintenance of Measure DD improvements around Lake Merritt.

Dear Council Member Kaplan:

Waterfront Action is an Oakland-based volunteer non-profit whose mission is to promote public access to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary and Lake Merritt through using public awareness, education, and direct action. Our members place high value on the region's waterfront as a vibrant economic, recreational, and natural resource.

I am writing to urge the Council to approve the DDA for the "remainder parcel" under terms consistent with the April 14, 2015 recommendation of the Council's CED Committee **dedicating 25% of the "remainder parcel" land sale proceeds to a fund devoted to maintenance of Measure DD improvements around Lake Merritt.**

Measure DD has created the most significant and broadly-recognized advances in Oakland's waterfront in decades. Nevertheless, as a bond it is unable to fund the maintenance and protection of these widely-praise new facilities, which will soon fall into shameful disrepair without special action. The "remainder parcel" is a product of Measure DD plans, construction, and road realignment. Accordingly, one appropriate special action is exactly that recommended by CED Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 510.336-1817 or info@waterfrontaction.org if you have any questions concerning our position of support for this special allocation.

Sincerely,

Sandra Threlfall
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