

# Waterfront Action

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Richard Rendon  
California Dept. of Parks and Recreation  
Office of Grants and Local Services  
P.O. Box 942896  
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Dear Richard Rendon:

Waterfront Action, on behalf of the City of Oakland, is writing to ask for your support to obtain a grant totaling \$3 million from the Urban Park Act of 2001. The grant will supplement funds from the City of Oakland's *Clean Water, Safe Parks and Open Spaces Trust Fund*.

We have an opportunity to enhance our waterfront and the city's park system at a time of critical growth and change. Citizens of Oakland recognized the value of these open spaces, and in November 2002 more than 80 percent voted to authorize the City to issue up to \$198.5 million in General Obligation bonds. Details for spending of the Proposition 40 dollars requested from the Urban Park Act of 2001 grant program are as follows:

Union Point Park grew out of the local community's desire to create a park for their families. It was an industrial site which, through their vision and patience has been set aside by the Port of Oakland. It will become a neighborhood waterfront park. The park will provide a significant first step in transforming Oakland's waterfront. The Park will provide for critical recreation services and open space in an area that has the highest concentrations of children living in the city.

The existing building on the Cryer site, adjacent to Union Point Park, is planned for conversion to community uses. Other improvements would include construction of the Bay Trail, a regional shoreline trail system, and restoration of a sandy beach along with some of the piers. The site will be landscaped and include parking adjacent to the building. the public.

The Urban Park Act of 2001 grant program is designed with places like Union Point Park in mind. The community's commitment compels us to ask for funds from outside sources. We believe that community initiative is the most powerful form of action. Their commitment will insure the success of the park.

Waterfront Action, Inc can be reached at (510)339-7554 if you wish to speak with me personally. We very much appreciate your consideration and support for these requests.

Sincerely,

Sandra Threlfall  
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Jerry Brown  
Oakland City Councilmember, Danny Wan  
Oakland Councilmember, Jane Brunner  
Kerry Jo Ricketts-Ferris, City of Oakland

*The Aliveness of a city depends on the bond between its water and its flow of dreams.*  
*Gaston Bachelard, Water and Dreams*