



February 22, 2012

Lee Huo  
San Francisco Bay Trail Project, c/o Association of Bay Area Governments  
P.O. Box 2050  
Oakland, CA 94604

Re: Letter of support for City of Oakland Grant Application

Dear Mr. Huo:

Waterfront Action is writing in support of the City of Oakland's application for a \$100,000 Proposition 84 grant to help fund a bridge connection feasibility study for the Oakland Measure DD Lake Merritt Channel project area. The grant will permit the City to prepare the necessary preliminary plans concerning bridge location, structure, and costs, as well as initial CEQA and NEPA work.

Waterfront Action is an Oakland non-profit whose mission is to promote public access to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary and Lake Merritt. We support the City's grant application as a key step toward providing the essential connection between the Estuary Bay Trail and the heavily used park areas at Lake Merritt – a connection that currently is absent. This connection will enhance public access to Oakland's shorelines and provide an improved Bay Trail experience with continuity between Lake Merritt and the Estuary.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice Waterfront Action's support for this grant application.

Sincerely,

*Sandy*

Sandy Threlfall, Executive Director

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