



March 4, 2013

Kathleen Forrest  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Office of Historic Preservation  
1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95816

sent via e-mail

Re: Ninth Avenue Terminal Building

Dear Ms. Forrest:

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.

The Ninth Avenue Terminal is unique on San Francisco Bay. Waterfront Action conducted a survey of all the break bulk ports on San Francisco Bay to determine if there were any other terminals still standing. The response was clear – for break bulk materials, temporary sheds are used in Redwood City and Richmond. Oakland's Ninth Avenue Terminal is the last of its kind on San Francisco Bay.

The planned route of the San Francisco Bay Trail extends along the apron of the Terminal, and the resulting public views of this historic building would add to Oakland's waterfront history. It would give us an opportunity to increase the public's attraction to the Bay Area waterfront and its essential history.

We urge the State Office of Historic Preservation to preserve this historic building in its entirety, or at least the original 1930 portion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Sandra Threlfall*

Sandra Threlfall, Executive Director

