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Board of Port Commissioners c/o John Betterton, Secretary of the Board
Port of Oakland
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to urge your active support of cooperation between the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland in efforts to close gaps in the Bay Trail along the Oakland shoreline.

I am a participant in the Measure DD Community Coalition, a City Council-recognized coalition with representation from many concerned community organizations.

The City of Oakland, utilizing Measure DD funds, is currently working to complete a number of key sections of the Bay Trail along the Embarcadero. Part of that effort is directed toward closing gaps that exist at Port properties in the area of Brooklyn Basin and the 10th Avenue Marina.

For some time, City of Oakland staff has been negotiating a range of alternatives with Port staff about Bay Trail implementation on these parcels. To date, no agreement has been reached. During the period of these negotiations, Measure DD has successfully closed other trail gaps along the Estuary, including those at Alameda Avenue, Derby to Lancaster, Fruitvale to High Street, and the Cryer Boatworks site adjacent to Union Point Park. The language of the Measure DD bond, passed in 2002 by more than 80% of the voters, set public expectations for continuing success in closing these gaps:

"Pedestrian and bicycle trail acquisition and construction along Estuary waterfront to provide continuous public access from Jack London Square to Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline."

Any actions that you take to facilitate a successful partnership and an agreement between the Port and the City will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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