

Appendix A:
Public Comments

I. Notes from oral comments as taken at public meeting:

1. Boating and water sports.
2. Whoever is chosen to develop the site is financially able to pay for it. Others nodded their heads.
3. Would like to see a model of the site and an environmental tool that supports solutions to sea level rise.
4. San Mateo County' Office of Sustainability is working with the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment to model the effects of different barriers to sea level rise in the county and might be persuaded to model options for this parcel.
5. No development: open space and wetlands and a recreational area.
6. Burlingame shoreline is highly developed and favors wetlands on the site. Walkways spanning wetlands at Facebook and Google that improved public access.
7. Hotels sometimes talk of access for everybody, but later access gets "muddled" and the public does not benefit much. Hire workers who live nearby because of the detrimental environmental impact of workers driving long distances to work.
8. Worried about providing secure jobs for hotel workers.
9. "I think you can have all of it." There could be a hotel, a bay trail, a park and recreation area "and the hotel would pay for it."
10. City will be a part of the decision process because it is responsible for the infrastructure and safety of the property, and the land use will definitely impact city operations.
11. Bay Trail Development
12. Kite surfing
13. Natural Habitat to be preserved!
14. Sea-Level rise mitigation
15. No Hotels-too many already
16. Trail to Foster City would be a good model
17. Also include a dog park as a possible use
18. Perfect spot to reconnect people to the Bay
19. Habitat and Bay Trail – education for sea-level rise
20. No labor dispute for hotel use; union wages-have an agreement in place as part of development of hotel.
21. Burlingame should work with hotel developer
22. Baseball field/soccer field and natural habitat
23. Educational use/museum or observatory
24. Park, Extend Bay, benches, BBQ's
25. Housing for hotel workers or no hotel & beautiful
26. Park nice-if hotel: union neutrality

27. Wants union at Marriott
28. Open space, take fence down, rehab wildlife, trails
29. Park, bay access
30. Dog Park, Bay Trail, Kayaks
31. Ferry terminal
32. Sports fields, park, open space
33. Not large building or hotel to eat up space
34. Fishing access
35. Concerned about traffic
36. Birds
37. Park Space
38. Shoreline adaptation, engaging, draw people to water, habitat restoration
39. Open space, park, Bay Trail access
40. Cut through traffic, open space, park, connect Coyote Point
41. No building on the land
42. Last parcel for wetland/wildlife out there. Birds need shore less parking, limited water access to protect birds
43. Sustain wetlands replenishment of sediments (not happening here), biking, jogging
44. Fields for soccer, baseball, fishing, Bay Trail
45. Residential use is good
46. Bay Trail
47. Open Space, wind surfing, kayaking, restoration
48. Small hotel with large grass area, restoration of rip rap, Bay Trail safely fish, 80% park 20% hotel, money for city to help support park
49. Open space, mixed use bayside park, kayak launch, remove existing cement slabs, no hotel
50. Opportunity for recreating habitat/open space, Bay Trail as recreational opportunity
51. Natural habitat-Is Federal government a potential partner
52. Recreational-something to attract people and families, passive recreation
53. Worried about traffic from 300 Airport Blvd., limited ingress and egress, park type uses where families could come, would be complement to office uses in area
54. Hotels would benefit from open space use in area, other properties are available for hotel use.
55. Don't have to put many improvements into area to attract people.
56. Maintain trail and greenspace.
57. Natural interpretive are similar to area near Facebook near salt marsh and entry to Dumbarton.
58. Generate information about how passive recreation areas fund themselves
59. Lease term only 49-years, longer?
60. Small craft launch-for kayaks, canoes, wind surfing etc.

61. Bocce ball courts
62. Improved Bay trail
63. Informal open area
64. Active park-such as outdoor exercise equipment
65. Level the levee and make it a gradual slope to the bay. Push back the recreational area to restore the shore land habitat.
66. Add engaging signs about the bay and he habitat such as they have in San Mateo out at the end of 3rd Avenue.
67. 300 room hotel on 2 acres, leaving 6.8 acres for park, retail on first floor
68. Underground parking for hotel only
69. Add out door theater and bocce ball courts
70. Would pay for park
71. Wanted assurance that whoever develops the site, would use Union workers. If a hotel, they wanted to get confirmation that the hotel would be required to have a union Labor force.
72. Need cheap housing more than hotels or parks. Build affordable below market price there.
73. Model and Environmental Educational tool for sea level rise
74. Water access for kayaks & people to “touch” the bay
75. A place for community gathering & events along the Bay, such as small concerts and Farmer’s Markets
76. Don’t need buildings such as hotels, warehouses, etc.
77. Open space
78. Educational Opportunities (interpretive elements)
79. Habitat Restoration
80. Don’t need a hotel.
81. Open Space
82. Public Park
83. Walking trails
84. Don’t need high rise hotel
85. Green space
86. Don’t need another office complex or hotel
87. Nicely landscaped open space
88. Improved Bay Trail connectivity
89. Habitat
90. Don’t need hotel or office, commercial parking lots
91. Park/Open space/Bay Trail/Bicycling
92. Recreation/Entertain @ night/day
93. Small retail business to support the residential
94. Don’t need hotels-too many in the area
95. Make sure the building & maintenance is financially certain
96. Need more open space & recreational use

97. City needs to be part of decision process since City is responsible for surrounding infrastructure, safety, etc.
98. Don't need a site that isn't maintained
99. Parks
100. Don't need hotels and traffic
101. Open space
102. Restoration
103. Improved access to the bay for all-not just for people who can afford to stay in hotels
104. Don't need another hotel, there are too many already in the area
105. I enjoy open space-keep it open.
106. Keep open space for us to enjoy.
107. As an environmental studies major, I support open space.
108. Keep beautiful open space for us to enjoy.
109. I enjoy taking walks around the lagoon and would be very disappointed if this space got converted into a hotel. People come here to fish and see planes take-off and land at SFO. It really should be converted to a park.
110. Keep open space for us to enjoy.
111. We do not need more hotels here, we need open space for outdoor recreation and enjoyment of nature.
112. We do not want a hotel in place of the wetlands! Save our natural wetlands!
113. Please don't build a hotel on the open space. It's a space for managing wildlife and it would be sad to see them losing their habitat!!
114. I love the Bay Trail and all it offers there is a little disconnect right where this empty lot is so it would be awesome to have that turned into a public park/more trails to wander through!
115. We don't need another hotel in the area! A park or open space would be great.
116. Please preserve one of the few undeveloped bayside spaces left.
117. These seasonal wetlands are one of the last untouched parcels along the water here-it's a great open space/educational opportunity!
118. Please keep it and don't build hotel.
119. I believe more land should be preserved in the bay area. Too many buildings are built taking way from the beauty of the land.
120. Please build something to attract more people to visit the shoreline. Not another office building or hotel. Retail space, open space, or anything exciting.
121. There are so many buildings around here! It's be lovely to have some open outdoor space as a break from all the industrial space.
122. Please do not build another hotel.
123. Please do not build on the open space, we do not need more hotels in this area!!! We appreciate the little bit of nature left as well as the animals that call it home. Please help us save and preserve it!

124. If a hotel is built, then wants labor peace and a fair and neutral process for workers on unionization
125. Requests same, and also environmentally friendly habitat
126. Public access, Bay Trail, Bay Water Trail, restoration, and shoreline structure improvement
127. Highest & best use would be development with a fantastic park with fields, playground, parking and a 4-5 star hotel with 400-plus rooms to bring outside visitors and economic growth.
128. If a hotel is built, then wants hotel labor representation.
129. Site has unique water access and world-class wind; commenter had his first kiteboarding lesson there. There are limited places to get wet in the area.
130. Water-related retail with outside seating to attract people.
131. She has lived in area for 45 years and site has been an eyesore since 1972. Wants commercial development with entertainment, nighttime activity. Area is closed up at night and there are crime issues. She objects to the leasing moratorium and wants a park now.
132. Wants more action and an economically feasible plan. Where would money come from to maintain it? Does not want to see another 40 years of status quo.
133. If a hotel is built, then support a fair process for workers to decide whether to unionize.
134. Wants open space preservation and water access. Semi-passive park with opportunities for interaction, kite surfing, and enjoyment of waterfront, but not athletic fields – it's too windy. There's already a boatload of hotels in area.
135. Suggests multi-faceted recreational facility with ancillary retail. This would be a park with visitor-related retail, restaurants, some nightlife, some habitat/wetland area, greenspace with ancillary facilities.
136. More natural environmental emphasis and "reclaiming the bay." She would like to restore as many wetlands as possible. She pointed out that wetlands help with sea level rise.
137. Wetlands can act as a natural barrier to sea level rise.
138. She would like to see the land returned to a natural state, with someone maintaining it. She does not want a hotel ("There are already so many hotels") or restaurant and suggested wetlands, jogging trails, a recreational park and kayaking as uses for the land.
139. Suggested boating and water sports, too. She said she was not advocating for a hotel but, in the event that one is chosen, she wants to make sure the developers don't interfere with having a neutral agreement with the hotel workers. She warned that a developer promising to limit ground-level parking by providing underground parking would find it impossible because the area is so close to the water.
140. Would State pay for maintaining the site? Others said they didn't think so. It was her understanding that if the State Lands Commission approved a

- project, other state agencies might be persuaded to help pay for maintenance.
141. Whoever is chosen to develop the site is financially able to pay for it. Others nodded their heads.
 142. Would like to see a model of the site and an environmental tool that supports solutions to sea level rise.
 143. San Mateo County' Office of Sustainability is working with the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment to model the effects of different barriers to sea level rise in the county and might be persuaded to model options for this parcel.
 144. The Burlingame City Council meeting on Monday at which the council discussed the project. It was his impression that the council liked the hotel idea to help pay for improvements and that nonprofits wanted more open space. He would prefer no development: open space and wetlands and a recreational area. However, he said he would rather not have a "not too good recreational area and pitiful wetlands." It would be better to do one thing well.
 145. The Burlingame shoreline is highly developed and she favors wetlands on the site. She said she has seen walkways spanning wetlands at Facebook and Google that improved public access.
 146. She said hotels sometimes talk of access for everybody but later access gets "muddled" and the public does not benefit much. She argued for hiring workers who live nearby because of the detrimental environmental impact of workers driving long distances to work.
 147. Worried about providing secure jobs for hotel workers.
 148. I think you can have all of it. He argued that there could be a hotel, a bay trail, a park and recreation area "and the hotel would pay for it." His one concern is a putting a park there because it gets very windy by the bay. He said there used to be an amusement park there long ago but it failed because of the wind. The project presents "a very rare opportunity for the city to earn revenue from land it doesn't own," he added.
 149. She hopes the city will be a part of the decision process because it is responsible for the infrastructure and safety of the property, and the land use will definitely impact city operations.

II. Comments received via email

1. Here in the Bay Area, our Parks for People program carries this call forward to provide parks and access to nature in areas where they can serve and benefit as many people as possible. The Burlingame bay front is densely developed with very few locations to enjoy the unique habitats and experiences of the San Francisco Bay. As such, we strongly support conserving this parcel as open space and creating a park experience appropriate to its unique context – a park that connects people to the bay,

provides shoreline access, increases sea level rise resiliency, and includes educational and interpretive elements. Burlingame has very limited Bay Front access and none where people can come as groups and enjoy the sounds, smells and views. The State Lands property on S. Airport Boulevard offers a unique opportunity to create such access. This space could be converted into a natural open space, like Crissy Field. As far as I know, we don't have anything like that on the Bay Front in San Mateo County, which would make it a special place for the region. In addition to regional and community visitors, such a park would be a fantastic way to share this special place with the visitors who frequent the local hotels.

2. I understand that there is pressure to release this space for development. It would be a great loss for us all if the entire space were taken up with a property. A small, boutique hotel with a park on part of the space would be better than that. Please consider preserving even part of this space for a natural park. Natural environment and reclaiming the bay, restore wetlands
3. There are enough hotels and industrial space in that area. I would like to see green space with a playground, picnic area, paved walking/bike path and sculpture garden (alternatively, outdoor sculptures could be integrated with the landscaping throughout the area). The area could highlight native plants/trees/shrubs (with plaques identifying the vegetation for educational purposes). Wetlands can act as a natural barrier to sea level rise.
4. The best use of the land would be to enhance its features as an open space and park, especially in the light of what we know about sea level rise. The site's wild qualities can be enhanced and it could provide needed respite and connection with nature for the people who live and work nearby. I see a lovely site with a small boat launch, and habitat for Bayland wildlife. Marshlands are important to the health of the Bay, and here we have an opportunity to enhance that.
5. I desire accommodation made for recreational water access, this includes a beach or wide ramp for non-powered vessels to get to the water. I mean windsurfing, kite-boarding, Kayak, Standup Paddle boards. We also require a rigging/ Launching area land side for launching and landing kite- boarders kites. You may not be aware that 300 Airport Blvd. has 7 high-rise building in construction just down wind of 450 Airport Blvd. This will impact wind sailing at Coyote point park downwind of these new high rises. To repurpose this 8.8 acres with water access in mind would be very helpful to mitigate the impact of loss of recreational water wind powered water sports from the 300 airport Blvd. buildings.

6. As a Burlingame resident I'm happy for a chance to suggest a use for this 9 acre site along SF Bay. My choice is a public park that is ecologically sound, for everyone to enjoy. It could be planted with native plants and have some lawn areas, walking paths, and picnic facilities while affording views of the bay. I opposed the development of a hotel, or other major structures. Land returned to a natural state, with someone maintaining it. No hotels or restaurant and suggested wetlands, jogging trails, a recreational park and kayaking as uses for the land.
7. The SCL property at 410 Airport Blvd in Burlingame, which would be Bay marsh had it not been filled over in the 1960s, should not be developed but restored to a natural state. None of the permitted uses listed by the City of Burlingame should be allowed. Has the City heard about sea level rise? Without new levees and dikes, this property will be inundated and without public funding, those levees and dikes will not be increasingly raised or maintained, which would be a direct subsidy to whatever private concerns have built on this property that is part of California's Public Trust. San Francisco Bay should be restored, not lined with more at-risk development. I'm not very comfortable with more high-rise buildings next to the SFO Airport runways either, this is too close. The SCL should act to the benefit of the people of California and use this property to increase public access to and use of the Bay margins and to restore native flora and fauna.
8. The post reads "This is a site where there could be a large open space area for community use with picnic tables and a restroom. This is one of the last areas in the City where there is an opportunity for a good-sized park." As a local resident, I agree with that view and I believe it would be great to consider use of this area for a park. I believe it would also provide a unique opportunity (only available once) for recreational water access.
9. Water access includes a beach or ramp allowing non-powered small personal craft to get to the water. Examples include windsurfing, kite-boarding, kayaks, standup paddle boards and other recreational craft that allow people to enjoy our precious natural resource, the Bay. Such water access facilities require almost no extra space. A simple area to park, unload and assemble or rig recreational craft is all that is needed to provide access. For various reasons, mostly large building development, we are slowly losing other viable water access sites (including nearby locations such as Coyote Point).
10. This is a beautiful area that people enjoy from the local residents, to visitors "getting out and about" from near-by hotels. Great walking and biking trails along the water that could be connected to existing trail and make a continuous path for a wonderful site! Water access includes a beach or ramp

allowing non-powered small personal craft to get to the water. Examples include windsurfing, kite-boarding, kayaks, standup paddle boards and other recreational craft that allow people to enjoy our precious natural resource, the Bay. Such water access facilities require almost no extra space. A simple area to park, unload and assemble or rig recreational craft is all that is needed to provide access. For various reasons, mostly large building development, we are slowly losing other viable water access sites (including nearby locations such as Coyote Point).

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12. I am writing in response to the request for public input for the restoration and use of 450 Airport Blvd Burlingame CA. I desire accommodation made for recreational water access, this includes a beach or wide ramp for non-powered vessels to get to the water. I mean windsurfing, kite-boarding, Kayak, Standup Paddle boards. We also require a rigging/ Launching area land side for launching and landing kite- boarders kites. You may not be aware that 300 Airport Blvd. has 7 high-rise building in construction just down wind of 450 Airport Blvd. This will impact wind sailing at Coyote point park downwind of these new high rises. To repurpose this 8.8 acres with water access in mind would be very helpful to mitigate the impact of loss of recreational water wind powered water sports from the 300 airport Blvd. buildings. Please see the mandated water access codified in the California constitution, Federal Coastal Zone Management Act and the Macteer-Petris act.
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14. Please see the mandated water access codified in the California constitution, Federal Coastal Zone Management Act and the Macteer-Petris act.
 15. I'd like to support the provision of water sports access in the plan for 450 Airport Blvd. Kitesurfers and windsurfers use Coyote Point quite extensively now, but that site will be degraded by the new wind-blocking buildings going up at 300 Airport. Kayaks and stand-up paddleboards also use Coyote Point when it is not windy. We know 450 Airport is a good location because we often kite and sail right up to the that shoreline. What is needed are several wide ramps into the water, some grassy space for rigging and launching next to the water and nearby parking. The grass and parking would be shared with other uses, of course.
 16. I did want to express my preference for the development of the vacant bay front lot. I think it would be in Burlingame's interest to have a hotel built on that prime real estate together with a portion of that property set aside as open space that would be integrated into the bay front trail. This would provide some additional transient occupancy tax for our city while providing some open space that all of our citizens can enjoy.
 17. I believe it would be great to consider use of this area for a park. I believe it would also provide a unique opportunity for recreational water access, allowing non-powered small personal craft to get to the water. Examples include windsurfing, kite-boarding, kayaks, standup paddle boards and other recreational craft that allow people to enjoy our precious natural resource, the Bay. Such water access facilities require almost no extra space. A simple area to park, unload and assemble or rig recreational crafts and a small ramp (e.g. 12 feet wide) is all that is needed to provide access. For various reasons, mostly large building development, we are slowly losing other viable water access sites throughout the Bay Area (including nearby locations such as San Mateo Coyote Point Park). It would be great to recover such a prime location for recreational water access!
 18. I agree with that view and I believe it would be great to consider use of this area for a park. I believe it would also provide a unique opportunity (only available once) for recreational water access.
 19. I am writing this to add my voice to those wishing to comment on the public lands along the bay front near Burlingame and what purposes would best suit the location. I have had a number of interactions with Burlingame Park and Rec regarding facilities for youth and adult sports over the years. Clearly

there is far more demand than supply of these facilities. Recently the parcel used as a driving range was up for consideration as to its future use. The decision was to make it an adult-oriented golf entertainment center, catering mostly to hotel visitors. I am hoping this new review of bay front public lands will look to support our youth and address a significant need for recreational facilities. A few years ago, Burlingame Park and Rec came close to using the bay front area for sports fields. Apparently, there were environmental issues associated with the property becoming temporary wetlands during rainy seasons that prevented that proposal going forward. May I suggest that this parcel be reconsidered for use as sports fields.

20. As lifelong residents of the Peninsula, my husband and I are writing to strongly support habitat restoration and access to the undeveloped 9-acre property along the Burlingame Bayfront. We are not available to attend the public outreach meeting tonight, but believe the goals of the Commission, as a matter of environmental justice and access for all, should be improved public access, habitat restoration, and resilient design in the face of sea level rise.
21. I desire accommodation made for recreational water access, this includes a beach or wide ramp for non-powered vessels to get to the water. I mean windsurfing, kite-boarding, Kayak, Standup Paddle boards. We also require a rigging/ Launching area land side for launching and landing kite- boarders kites. You may not be aware that 300 Airport Blvd. has 7 high-rise building in construction just down wind of 450 Airport Blvd. This will impact wind sailing at Coyote point park downwind of these new high rises. To repurpose this 8.8 acres with water access in mind would be very helpful to mitigate the impact of loss of recreational water wind powered water sports from the 300 airport Blvd. buildings.
22. I urge the Commission to consider including a kayak launch in any plan for future use of the property.
23. I urge you to preserve the bay shoreline in Burlingame for public water access. With time, the bay shore is becoming increasingly privatized, and the public is being excluded. I would like to see a site design that will include everything from wading to kayaks to canoes to standup paddle boards (and more, but you get the idea). I suggest coordinating with the Bay Water Trail (<http://sfbaywatertrail.org/>) for design ideas that will enhance safety and ease of use. I am a member of BASK (Bay Area Sea Kayakers), a club with about 700 members. Though the site should also include many other user groups, we would be delighted to evaluate any proposed kayak-related design features.

24. Public access to the Bay is critical for education about the natural world, and there is no better way to become informed than to become immersed (literally and figuratively) in nature. There are many environmental issues, and we need an informed public to make decisions that will have long-term impacts on society and on the environment. Properly designed, the site would attract users at all income levels, contribute to wildlife habitat, and serve as a shining example of appropriate use of public lands for the public.

III. Comment letters



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RE: 430-450 Airport Boulevard Parcel, Burlingame

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the undeveloped parcel located at 430 – 450 Airport Boulevard in Burlingame, California, in advance of the State Lands Commission's Public Trust Needs Assessment community meeting scheduled for March 22nd at the Burlingame Rec Center.

The Trust for Public Land is a national organization whose mission is to protect the places people care about and to create close-to-home parks—particularly in and near cities, where 80 percent of Americans live. Our goal is to ensure that every child has easy access to a safe place to play in nature. We also conserve working farms, ranches, and forests; lands of historical and cultural importance; rivers, streams, coasts, and watersheds; and other special places where people can experience nature close at hand.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of our comments, and please feel free to contact me at (415) 800-5303 or alejandra.chiesa@tpl.org.

Sincerely,

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Dear Al: I read the post at https://www.burlingame.org/news_detail_T19_R44.php with great interest. This post included a request for public input for the restoration and use of 450 Airport Blvd Burlingame CA.

The post reads "This is a site where there could be a large open space area for community use with picnic tables and a restroom. This is one of the last areas in the City where there is an opportunity for a good sized park."

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I know you will be aware of the mandated water access requirements that are codified in the California constitution, Federal Coastal Zone Management Act and the Mcateer-Petris Act.

Thank you,
Timothy Hickey

March 23, 2018

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RE: 8.8 Acres of State Land along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay in Burlingame

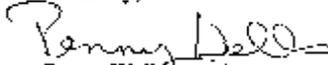
Dear Mr. Franzoia:

I wish to lend my support to the idea that this property become a publicly owned recreation facility—specifically a shoreline park providing public access to the water of San Francisco Bay.

As you well know the Bay Area has abundant motels, hotels, office buildings, shopping centers and restaurants. What we have in very limited supply are public shoreline parks providing access to the Bay. The Bay is our largest open space and is increasingly used by our growing population for recreation. Kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, dragon boats, outrigger canoes, windsurfers, kiteboarders, cat-topped sailboats and rowing sculls all need shoreline access of various types. A park at this site could accommodate both land users of the Bay Trail and water users of the San Francisco Water Trail as well as providing a venue for fisherpeople.

Please give serious consideration to designation of this land for a shoreline park.

Sincerely,



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April 6, 2018

The Honorable State Lands Commission
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Via e-mail

Re: Public Trust Needs Assessment for State Sovereign Land at 410 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Thank you for initiating a Public Trust Needs Assessment for the property at 410 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame. Special thanks also to the SLC staff and the City of Burlingame for hosting the public input meeting on March 22 regarding Public Trust Needs for this site.

The Committee for Green Foothills is a regional organization that advocates for the protection of open space, farmlands, and natural resources in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club is the regional branch of Sierra Club that represents thousands of residents in the Bay Area who support open space. San Francisco Baykeeper and the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge both work to keep the San Francisco Bay ecologically sound, sustainable and vibrant with many members. Together we all recognize the importance of keeping the San Francisco Bay accessible for all as mandated by the California Constitution.

On behalf of our members, we write concerning 410 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, as the parcel has unique environmental potential due to its proximity to the San Francisco Bay. Accordingly, we believe that the best uses for this site that fit the Public Trust Doctrine include improved public access to the water, shoreline restoration, and recreational opportunities along the Bay. Furthermore, we believe that such improvements will offer environmental justice opportunities by increasing access for all.

As you know, the California Constitution, Sec. 4, Article X states, “access to the navigable waters of this State shall be always attainable for the people....” The sustenance of public spaces celebrates the expressions and the rights of its citizenry; increasing access would not only uphold Californians’ rights, but would provide access to all residents – not just those who can afford a night at a Bayfront hotel. A hotel at this site would be enjoyed by a much smaller, more privileged constituency than an open space area would.

As for what makes sense at the site, we strongly support removing the sea wall, and excavating part of the site to enable creation of a new, natural “living levee” that would include transition-zone native habitats. This “living levee” would provide greater resilience in the face of sea level rise, restore habitat for multiple types of wildlife, and create the basis for an improved and attractive segment of the Bay Trail. A small non-motorized boat launch area could also provide increased public access for sea kayakers, kite boarders, and windsurfers using the Bay Water Trail.

Restoration of shoreline habitat on this 8.8 acre parcel could be a signature project for Burlingame and the SLC. As 90% of the Bay’s historic wetlands have been lost to development, this is a remarkable opportunity to reclaim shoreline. We do hope that the SLC recognizes this chance to create a long term difference along the Bay that counters development pressures as there is there is not enough quality, natural open space in this part of the Bay waterfront; it is essential that we preserve this site as open space for generations to come.

Thank you for the public input meeting, for the opportunity to further comment, and for your consideration of these possibilities. We look forward to the next steps in this exciting project.

Sincerely,

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Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club
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Dear Mr. Franzoia

Thank you for holding a Public Trust Needs Assessment for the property at 410 Airport Boulevard. We appreciate this opportunity to provide input.

The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches including San Francisco Bay through a powerful activist network.

San Francisco Bay has few wetland areas along its north western shoreline. This site offers an opportunity to restore a small but important section of San Francisco bay lands while providing improving public access. It is also an area surrounded by Hotels and is near the San Francisco airport. We strongly object commercial development on this property.

We support the creation of a natural levee with a transition zone of native habitats. It is the preferred approach to sea level rise protection. We also support inclusion of this area as a segment of the Bay Trail and the Bay Water Trail and the addition of a small boat launch. This area is already a popular destination for kayakers, windsurfers and kite boarders.

This concept is entirely consistent with mandate of the State Lands Commission and with the Public Trust Doctrine it serves. It will provide a benefit not only to the residents of the City of Burlingame but to visitors from all over the state who come to recreate and enjoy the natural beauty of San Francisco Bay.

Respectfully,

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April 5, 2018

Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer
California State Lands Commission
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Dear Jennifer:

I am writing to provide public input to the Commission for its consideration as it determines appropriate uses for state sovereign land at 410 Airport Boulevard in the City of Burlingame, approximately 8.8 acres fronting San Francisco Bay. I was not able to attend your meeting on March 22, 2018, in Burlingame.

Save The Bay is the largest regional organization working to protect and restore San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife, with more than 50,000 supporters. We protect the Bay from pollution and climate change, and restore crucial shoreline habitat for endangered species and flood protection. Since 1961, our effective advocacy has stopped massive landfill from destroying the Bay, expanded the nation's largest urban wildlife refuge, reduced trash flowing to the Bay, created \$500 million public fund to accelerate marsh restoration, and much more. We annually enlist 5,000 volunteers in hands-on habitat restoration, educate thousands of students about Bay science and stewardship, and lead the region's annual celebration of Bay Day.

Save The Bay has a long history of advocating for the State Lands Commission to protect and promote appropriate public trust uses of Bay and its shoreline, dating back to shoreline development proposed in the early 1960s by the City of Berkeley. We have also participated in Commission consideration of proposed development in San Francisco Bay salt ponds, proposals to fill in two square miles of the Bay for reconfigured runways at San Francisco International Airport, renewal of sand mining leases, and proposed uses for piers on the San Francisco Bay waterfront.

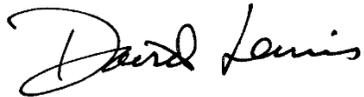
The Commission should view very favorably proposals for establishment of a public park on the 410 Airport Boulevard site, as such uses are in the public interest and consistent with the public trust that the Commission works to promote. In particular, a park on this site would ensure that precious remaining open space along the bay remains open to the public and attractive to public use, with public education opportunities for learning about the bay's ecology, habitat and sea level rise.

Appropriate improvements of the site would include completion of the San Francisco Bay Trail where there is currently a gap, and adaptation of the site for resilience against

rising seas. This could be accomplished through modification of a degraded sea wall and upgrade of current vegetation to more productive seasonal and tidal wetlands featuring native species. These improvements would provide even greater value in this part of the Bay because the immediate area is dominated by development, including office buildings that do not offer public trust benefits.

Thank you very much for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "L".

David Lewis
Executive Director

Cc: Michael Brownrigg, Mayor of Burlingame
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
San Francisco Bay Trail