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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** Trish Spencer; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Frank Matarrese; Malia Vella; City Clerk  
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**Subject:** Letter on Alameda Landing from Bike Walk Alameda, Bike East Bay, and Walk Oakland Bike Oakland  
**Attachments:** Alameda Landing Letter\_BEB\_BWA\_WOBO.pdf

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Attached and below, please find a letter from Bike Walk Alameda, Bike East Bay, and Walk Oakland Bike Oakland on the Alameda Landing development. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best,

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Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer  
Vice Mayor Malia Vella  
Councilmember Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
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**Re: Bicycle and Pedestrian Access to Alameda Landing Waterfront**

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Bike Walk Alameda, Bike East Bay, and Walk Oakland Bike Oakland have reviewed the Bayport Alameda Landing Master Plan and amendments. We are writing to underscore our priority for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Oakland Estuary as the preferred solution to bike-ped access between West Alameda and Jack London Square in Oakland.

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While we understand that a third tunnel for transit and bicycle access is an attractive possibility for increased capacity across the Estuary, a tunnel does not provide a facility that will significantly improve access for people biking and walking, nor does it enhance both West Alameda and the Jack London neighborhood with an attractive, convenient way to cross the Estuary. We ask that the City keep a bicycle and pedestrian bridge as a top priority for long-term access between Alameda and Oakland.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

Cordially yours,

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