



June 17, 2025

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Vice Mayor Michele Pryor
Councilmember Greg Boller
Councilmember Tony Daysog
Councilmember Tracy Jensen

RE: Agenda Item 7-A Various Actions Related to Potential Sale of 13 Acres of Land in the Enterprise District for Pacific Fusion Research and Development Facility

Dear Members of the City Council:

Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) is a community-wide coalition dedicated to raising awareness, mobilizing community action, and facilitating the implementation of the City's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan and more generally to increase community sustainability and well-being.

We are thrilled that Alameda Point has been the destination for so many green tech companies, including Pacific Fusion.

We are writing to support the actions related to the potential sale of land to Pacific Fusion.

- Pacific Fusion is demonstrating technology that could help reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and mitigate the impacts of climate change. If successful, Pacific Fusion could change our path towards adaptation and resilience and reduce the impacts of sea level rise.
- Pacific Fusion will be an anchor facility in the Site B Enterprise District at Alameda Point and will contribute to the development of the utility and streets infrastructure.
- Pacific Fusion will create 250 clean tech jobs in Alameda and will significantly contribute to Alameda's economy.
- Pacific Fusion has committed to address concerns that the public has about safety and radioactive waste.

As an island city, Alameda is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. We need to invest in those solutions and providing a long-term support to Pacific Fusion is part of that solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Abbe".

Ruth Abbe, Steering Committee
Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda

RE: June 17th AGENDA ITEM: 7-A 2025-5088

*Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Pryor, and Councilmembers Boller, Daysog, and Jensen,
City Manager Ott and Base Reuse Director Thorne-Lyman,*

We're a group of Alameda parents with young children writing to express strong support for the City moving forward with the sale of property at Alameda Point to Pacific Fusion. This project isn't just about filling a blank lot—it's about sparking a transformation that could energize our city's economy and signal that Alameda is a magnet for innovative companies solving critical problems. Clean, abundant energy is vital for the future of our kids, the world, and this Island.

A Spark for Jobs, Innovation & Development

We've already seen Alameda companies like Makani, Sairdron, Kairos, Natel, and Rain generate cross-pollination of talent and ideas. The same is true in biotech, with Penumbra, Abbott, and Excelxix. Pacific Fusion has the potential to anchor a new sector in clean energy and advanced R&D—bringing hundreds of high-skill jobs for scientists and engineers, while also supporting construction and trades work to build it. Healthy cities are a mix of housing, education, recreation, and employment. While bold plans for Alameda Point have often stalled, this project stands out as a focused first step—with defined milestones and timelines we can build from.

This project is highly aligned with the city's existing goals for Alameda Point, our General Plan, and our climate goals. The required infrastructure investment will also make nearby parcels in the Enterprise District more appealing to future development. A stronger tax base and a more diversified budget will also be a boon. As the City enters the next phase of negotiations, we urge you to stay firm on Alameda's long-term goals. With Pacific Fusion weighing Livermore as an alternative and Hines designing for flexibility, it's critical that Alameda secures lasting value. This site should strengthen our clean energy and R&D ecosystem—not default to a generic commercial use. Public land must deliver public benefit.

Fusion, Not Fission

We understand that energy projects of this nature can raise concerns. But this is not fission. It uses no uranium or plutonium, carries no risk of meltdown, no chain reaction, and produces no long-lived radioactive waste. Fusion works by combining atoms at very high temperatures, and if those conditions aren't maintained, the reaction simply stops. This facility is not a power plant—it's for research and demonstration. It will be regulated by the California Department of Public Health, and third-party safety assessments have shown minimal risk to the surrounding community, even under conservative scenarios. The state also requires financial guarantees to ensure safe decommissioning when the time comes. These protections matter—and should be kept visible to the public as the project advances.

Transparent Progress

Pacific Fusion has shown a welcome commitment to transparency, participating in public hearings, engaging directly with residents, and working closely with City departments. That matters. Bold climate action must be built on public trust. The path to a clean energy future should be lit by open dialogue and grounded in local values. Alamedans should help shape the direction—not just watch it unfold. We appreciate Pacific Fusion's community approach so far, and urge continued vigilance to ensure this remains an ultra-safe, transparent, and accountable project as it moves forward.

The Changing Winds

As an island city, we will feel the impacts of climate change directly. With federal climate leadership shifting dangerously off-course, cities like ours must chart our own future. We want our children to grow up in a city—and a nation—that doesn't just react to the future, but helps shape it. If we want Alameda Point to be more than vacant lots and unrealized potential, we need to say yes to opportunities like this, ones that invest in our land, our values, and our people.

Let's spark the future—right here, in Alameda.

Sincerely,

Thushan Amarasiriwardena, product manager in civic tech, parent of two
Drew Dara-Abrams, transportation tech entrepreneur, parent of two
Maria Piper, technical solutions consultant, parent of three
Jason Purdy, product manager, parent of two

Kate Stirr, policy executive in climate tech, parent of two
Ryan Bird, clean energy consultant, parent of two
Sean Noonan, startup exec, parent of two
Robin Oliva-Kraft, product manager, parent of three



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June 16, 2025

SUBJECT: 7-A 2025-5088 Support for Pacific Fusion

Dear Honorable Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and Members of the Alameda City Council,

On behalf of the Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Pacific Fusion research and development facility at Alameda Point.

This project represents a transformative opportunity for our city. The billion-dollar capital investment by Pacific Fusion stands as one of the largest private investments in Alameda's history and signals tremendous confidence in our community's future. The facility is projected to create 250 high-quality, local jobs, along with additional work for construction and trades professionals—directly contributing to Alameda's economic vitality.

Over the next ten years, the project is expected to generate approximately \$120 million in combined sales, use, and property tax revenue—critical funding that can support essential city services and infrastructure. Importantly, the increased presence of a high-tech workforce and visiting partners is likely to result in more patronage of Alameda's local businesses—our restaurants, retail shops, and service providers—further energizing the downtown district and the broader city economy.

Beyond direct economic impact, Pacific Fusion is breathing life into an underutilized area of Alameda Point. The project acts as a catalyst for continued redevelopment in the Enterprise District and paves the way for future investment by improving essential infrastructure. Their upgrades will not only serve the immediate site but will enhance connectivity and access for future businesses.

We are also encouraged by Pacific Fusion's thoughtful and proactive engagement with the community. Their commitment to transparency and education—evidenced by public town halls and family-friendly events—illustrates a genuine desire to be a long-term, responsible neighbor. The facility is being designed with the highest safety standards and community considerations in mind, with no noise or vibration during operation, no continuous production activity, and minimal strain on the city's power grid. Additionally, their approach to radiation safety and materials handling is in line with—or exceeds—the rigorous standards of federal and state regulators.

As Alameda continues to position itself as a regional hub for science, sustainability, and innovation, we believe that welcoming Pacific Fusion supports that vision. Their mission and operations align with Downtown Alameda's values of environmental stewardship, responsible development, and inclusive economic growth.

We encourage the City Council to support this project and help realize its many long-term benefits for Alameda.

Sincerely,

Kathy Weber,
Executive Director

From: [Shelby S](#)
To: [Tod Hickman](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: PUBLIC COMMENT 6-17-25 Agenda 7A Pacific Fusion
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 3:16:53 PM

Dear Councilmembers and Madam Clerk,

I am writing to confirm that the recent correspondence submitted by Tod Hickman, in which I was cc'd and referenced (below), was sent with my full knowledge and authorization. I affirm that Mr. Hickman was speaking on my behalf, and I fully support the content and concerns expressed in that message.

Please include this confirmation in the official record and consider our positions as aligned in full.

Sincerely,
Shelby Sheehan
Alameda NAS Historic Preservationists

On Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 2:40 PM Tod Hickman <tod@building43winery.com> wrote:

Alameda City Council,
In reference to the June 17, 2025 Agenda Item 7-A, Pacific Fusion;

For the Public Record - We Object to this Project. Once again City staff are trying to illegally circumvent the CEQA process and fast track a project that in no way complies with conditions required for development at this site.

The 300-page report titled "City of Alameda Environmental Checklist For Streamlined Review", fails to adequately address the numerous issues related to CEQA, including, but not limited to;

1. This project at this location is a violation of the Regulatory Framework for Alameda Point.
2. This project is a violation of allowed uses at this location and violates the zoning code.
3. This project fails to comply with the 2014 EIR and previous governing actions for the Base, including the 1996 Base Reuse Plan.
4. This document misapplies non-existent CEQA exemptions to this location.
5. Numerous violations of Law are present throughout this document.
6. This document violates numerous government ethics and rules.
7. Numerous Violations of CEQA implementing procedures are present.
8. This document intentionally downplays the nuclear waste component of this project and fails to address the hazards of the actual NUCLEAR wastes produced.
9. There is no Responsible Agency listed for Nuclear Waste on the 2014 AP EIR so how possibly could this project be categorically exempt? Not possible.

10. Is The City Council reading these documents?

Respectfully,

Tod Hickman
and on behalf of Shelby Sheehan cc'd in this email
Alameda NAS Historic Preservationists

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Shelby

510-435-9263

"The righteousness of the oppressed will not go unheard."

From: [Tod Hickman](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Shelby S](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT 6-17-25 Agenda 7A Pacific Fusion
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June 13, 2025

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Members of the Alameda City Council

Re: Support for Pacific Fusion Project at Alameda Point

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the West Alameda Business Association (WABA), I would like to express our support for the proposed Pacific Fusion project at Alameda Point.

As an organization dedicated to advancing economic vitality, sustainability, and community well-being in West Alameda and across the Island, we see great promise in this project. It offers a rare opportunity to bring innovative energy technology to our community while delivering substantial local benefits.

Pacific Fusion is projected to create hundreds of high-quality jobs and significant new economic activity — both of which will ripple through our small businesses and local workforce. The investment in core infrastructure at Alameda Point is equally important, helping to unlock an area of the city that holds tremendous potential for long-term growth.

Perhaps most exciting is the project's alignment with our community's environmental values. Advancing clean, safe energy solutions is essential to building a resilient future. Hosting a project of this caliber will further strengthen Alameda's leadership in sustainability and innovation.

We also appreciate Pacific Fusion's commitment to engaging with the local community and supporting educational opportunities in STEM — investments that will pay dividends for our young people and the broader region.

We hope the Council will move this project forward with an eye toward its broad potential for Alameda. As always, WABA is ready to work alongside the City, and our partners to support opportunities that grow good jobs, foster innovation, and make our city even stronger.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elissa S. Glickman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elissa Glickman
Executive Director
West Alameda Business Association

June 12, 2025

Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft and City Council
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

Via email:

CITYCOUNCIL-list@alamedaca.gov

Dear Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft and City Council:

San Francisco Bay Ferry (SF Bay Ferry) strongly supports Pacific Fusion's proposal to develop a renewable energy and clean tech R&D facility on Site B at Alameda Point. With facilities in Livermore and Fremont, Pacific Fusion is interested in constructing a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art headquarters facility, which would include office, laboratory, and research and development space in which approximately 200 people would be permanently employed. The company is considering Alameda and one other East Bay location as finalists for this facility.

SF Bay Ferry, a service of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), is a regional public transit agency tasked with operating and expanding ferry service on the San Francisco Bay and with coordinating the water transit response to regional emergencies. SF Bay Ferry carries approximately three million passengers annually utilizing a fleet of 19 high-speed passenger-only ferry vessels. SF Bay Ferry currently serves the cities of Alameda, Oakland, Richmond, San Francisco, South San Francisco, and Vallejo.

SF Bay Ferry supports increased employment opportunities within the City of Alameda, and specifically Alameda Point, as more jobs located in the City of Alameda means more potential ferry passengers to and from SF Bay Ferry's three ferry terminals in Alameda. We appreciate the City of Alameda's careful consideration of creating a vibrant, mixed-use development that supports thousands of jobs, attracts visitors, creating a thriving community with ferry service as the main form of public transportation.

The East Bay region is home to a dynamic and thriving innovation ecosystem. The region's manufacturing legacy and leadership in multiple technologies create a unique synergy that promotes cross-disciplinary innovation, with growing R&D investments in biosciences, climatetech, semiconductors, food and beverage, and transportation. The diversity of these economic activities keeps the region thriving and growing.

Pacific Fusion's expanded presence in the East Bay will create and increase green job opportunities in various sectors, including engineering, science, manufacturing, and research and development. The addition of Pacific Fusion to the Alameda Point community furthers the dynamic ecosystem at the Point as their goals complement the region's climate action and resiliency efforts while bolstering economic development.

We encourage the City of Alameda to explore creating a catalytic investment with Pacific Fusion at Alameda Point.

Sincerely,



Seamus Murphy
Executive Director

From: [Jeffrey Gould](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: ajg74@comcast.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Item 7A, June 17 .. Why I'm opposed to Pacific Fusion at Alameda Point
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025 11:52:20 PM

Hello Ms Mayor, City Council members,

I hope you will read this important article on fusion reactors from the 'Bulletin of Atomic Scientists' - one of the most respected sources for information on nuclear issues:

<https://thebulletin.org/2017/04/fusion-reactors-not-what-theyre-cracked-up-to-be/>

While this Pacific Fusion project is being touted as clean energy, a source of revenue, jobs etc .. It's inappropriate due to the many undisclosed risks to our community, our security and our local environment. It represents too high a risk for our island and the surrounding area. These issues need to be addressed in public discussion not fast-tracked as is evident in the hastily prepared and wholly inadequate (CEQA) material within this agenda item.

-- Using our limited land resources that should be going to local clean energy research and production for this project -- a money laundering scheme masquerading as a high order tech promise with many instances of cost overruns, leaks, unattainable goals already behind it is not something we as a city should condone or be a host for.

Thank You,

- former AMP PUB commissioner Jeffrey Gould