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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 9:14 AM  
**To:** Olga Bolotina  
**Cc:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** RE: February 2, 2015 City Council meeting, Item 6-C - Building 29 lease

Dear Ms. Bolotina,

Thank you for your email. I will consider the Sierra Club's comments my decisions.

Sincerely,

Trish Spencer  
Mayor, City of Alameda

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Subject: February 2, 2015 City Council meeting, Item 6-C - Building 29 lease

Honorable Mayor Spencer, City Council members and staff,

Hope this message finds you well.

Please find attached the letter from the Sierra Club regarding proposed lease of Building 29, 1701 Monarch Street, Alameda Point.

Thank you for your strong consideration for the Sierra Club proposed actions!

Please don't hesitate to contact me and/or Norman La Force with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Olga

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January 27, 2016

**Subject:** February 2, 2015 City Council meeting, Item 6-C  
Building 29 lease, 1701 Monarch Street, Alameda Point

Mayor Spencer and members of the City Council,

We appreciate your support for the creation of the ecological park known as De-Pave Park at the Alameda Point. The Sierra Club asks for your continued support and recommends that the pending five-year lease for Building 29 be shortened to two years.

A five-year timeframe sends the wrong message to city staff, the tenants, the community, and funding agencies about the city's commitment to implement plans for an ecological park on the west side of the Seaplane Lagoon. It unnecessarily delays the demolition of Building 29, which lies next to an existing wetland.

In June 2014, when the Alameda Point Town Center and Waterfront Specific Plan was being adopted, planning board members voiced concern that future city councils may be reluctant to remove buildings on the west side of the Seaplane Lagoon because of having good tenants and, therefore, De-Pave Park would not be prioritized and pursued. The Sierra Club shared that concern then and continues to do so today.

The city council has an opportunity now to take a small but significant step toward alleviating those concerns and achieving the goal described in the waterfront plan. A two-year goal for vacating Building 29 will hasten the planning for the eventual demolition of this structure, which sits next to the Runway Wetland on federal property and the Alameda Point Channel. The structure lies in the foraging flight path of least terns and is also a frequent perching site for raptors that prey on the least terns.

The adjacent Runway Wetland is slated for enhancement by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as part of the wetland mitigation requirement for their clinic and columbarium. Removal of Building 29 will complement the VA's efforts and help usher in a new ecological landscape.

The business operating in Building 29 is a metal and woodworking fabricator of fixtures, displays and signs. With the increasing desirability of commercial space at Alameda Point, delaying relocation could ultimately result in the loss of this valued artisan business.

Two years is a more-than-adequate amount of time to assist the tenants in finding another location at Alameda Point.

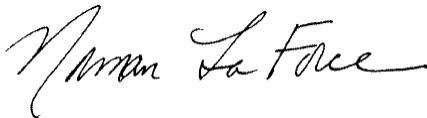
The Sierra Club requests that the city council take the following actions:

- 1) Shorten the term of the lease to two years;
- 2) Work with the tenant to find another location at Alameda Point; and
- 3) Set aside all future lease revenue from this building for its demolition.

Sincerely yours,



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Chair, Northern Alameda County Group, Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter  
Sierra Club California Board Member



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