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Mayor Trish Spencer
Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Councilmember Marilyn Ashcraft
Councilmember Frank Matarrese
Councilmember Jim Oddie

Dear Mayor Spencer and Councilmembers;

I and several members of Alameda Citizens Task Force met with Mr. Whiskeman and Mr. Marshall, Representative of Catellus, last week. We presented them with an idea for an alternative plan for Alameda Landing Waterfront. I also talked about the same proposal with Mayor Spencer and Andrew Thomas and I have had a similar conversation with Councilmember Matarrese. I apologize for not having time before this evening to meet with the rest of the Councilmembers.

The proposal is an alternative of Catellus's request to change the present approved project at Alameda Landing Waterfront so that it includes housing instead of the business and commercial enterprises for the remaining 10 acres. We are recommending that the 30% single family homes remain, but that all of the remaining units be restricted to senior housing for age 55 and older. This would include all of the market rate homes and the very low, low, and moderate units.

Alameda is in great need of senior housing. We have seniors living in homes they would love to be able to sell but there is no way for them to remain on the island close to their friends and families. We need to find a way to keep our seniors here so we maintain a good mix of generations within our community.

Seniors as a group generate less vehicle traffic. They do not have young children that will grow up to drive more cars. There wouldn't be the need for multiple roommates to afford the costs. And, they are usually a one car household.

I'm told that these types of retirement communities are out in the rural areas where there are lots of acres where the wide open spaces and golf courses are desirable. I say Alameda is a perfect place for a senior only community because:

- There will be a fantastic open space on the Estuary which is directly across the water from fine dining in Oakland.
- Alameda Landing Waterfront is located right next door to Alameda Landing shopping center so a short trip to buy supplies and groceries.
- Mariner Square has an exercise club including a swimming pool which is great exercise for seniors.
- It's a short non-commute time drive to cultural events in San Francisco. Examples are the opera and wonderful shows that come to the Bay Area.

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- Hopefully in the future there will be a sports arena next to Jack London Square.
- We are a sailing community s so desirable to retirees who love to sail.

But this is just the beginning. We have lots of other things to offer a retirement community.

- We do have a golf course. It may not be right outside the front door but it is close by.
- We have a movie theater.
- We have a winery.
- We are close to all major league sports.
- And we have a hospital.

This is an opportunity to build something special that is really needed in Alameda. We can offer something that is different than all those other retirement communities. There just isn't a better location. Please consider this proposal as an alternative to just building more of what is planned for all the other developments coming to Alameda.

Respectfully,



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