



September 21, 2021

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Vice Mayor Malia Vella  
Councilmember Tony Daysog  
Councilmember Trish Herrera Spencer  
Councilmember John Knox White

RE: Support for Agenda Item 7-D – Application for Grant Funding for DePave Park and Allocation of \$50,000 in Matching Funds

Dear Members of the City Council:

Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) supports the resolution authorizing staff to apply for Measure AA funding from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority for the planning and development of DePave Park.

DePave Park has the potential to be a demonstration site for climate adaptation, “welcoming the water” and transforming the concrete at the west end of the Sea Plane Lagoon into a wetland, waterfront park.

Alameda must prepare for climate change and raise awareness for adaptation and mitigation. Projects like DePave Park not only provide educational opportunities for Alameda residents and school children, but also demonstrate the City’s leadership in addressing climate change.

We encourage the City Council to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 in matching funds to demonstrate Alameda’s commitment to the development of the park which could increase the likelihood of award.

Sincerely,

Ruth Abbe, Steering Committee  
Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda  
415-235-1356

**From:** [Patricia Lamborn](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Funding for DePave Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:34:33 AM

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Re: Alameda City Council Sept 21, 2021

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Vella and Councilmembers Daysog, Spencer and Knox White,

I am writing to support the request for \$50,000 from our Alameda Recreation and Park Dept to advance our request for funding for DePave Park. This is your opportunity to make real changes to prepare for inevitable sea level rise while also preserving habitat. Future generations will thank you if you act now. Inaction signals that our city is NOT a partner, and will discourage the funding by other entities. Please vote yes!

Sincerely,  
Pat Lamborn  
Alameda resident, 30 years  
Member of Executive Committee of  
Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patricia Gannon](#)  
**To:** [John Knox White](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Depave Park  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 12:12:16 PM

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September 20, 2021

Honorable Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor, City of Alameda  
Honorable Tony Daysog  
Honorable Trish Herrera Spencer  
Honorable Malia Vella  
Honorable John Knox White

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Council Members:

As a member of the Golden Gate Audubon Society I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed resolution approving the application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and the matching \$50,000 in City Funding. This project will be a huge step forward in the City's efforts to combat climate change by converting huge slabs of concrete to wetlands and planted areas.

This an opportunity the City must take advantage of. It will provide enhanced habitat for the wide variety of wildlife that live here. These benefits will be multiplied by its proximity to the Veterans Administration Wetlands.

I understand that as part of the planning process the City will evaluate the removal of Building 25 from this site. Its removal will further enhance the benefits to wildlife and the public's enjoyment of this area. I hope that this building will be removed.

Thank you.

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September 19, 2021

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Councilmember Trish Herrera Spencer - [tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov)

RE: October 21, 2021 Council Meeting – Item 7-D City of Alameda Measure AA Grant Application for DePave Park and Allocation of \$50,000 in Matching Funds

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The City of Alameda's plan to restore the wetlands in the area that is now known as DePave Park on the edge of Seaplane Lagoon would sequester carbon, contribute to Alameda's efforts to limit sea level rise, provide a location for residents and visitors to enjoy nature, and provide resources for the many animals, birds, whales and other wildlife that live within or visit Alameda. This application addresses concerns of the funding agency in response to last year's grant application and should increase the City's chances of receiving funding. I urge the City Council to approve this application.

One of the concerns with last year's grant application was the absence of any indication of the City's actual support for the proposed park, the grant application, or the work necessary to move forward with the planning for the park; the City was unwilling to commit any City funds to the development of the park's plan. The City can demonstrate its commitment to the park this year by committing City funding for the development work. I urge the City Council to approve the commitment of matching funds in the amount of \$50,000.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to speak at Tuesday's City Council meeting because of a prior commitment.

Sincerely,



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Amy Woodridge - [awoodridge@alamedaca.gov](mailto:awoodridge@alamedaca.gov)



September 16, 2021

Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Malia Vella, Councilmember John Knox White, Councilmember Trish Herrera Spencer, Councilmember Tony Daysog

Amy Wooldridge, Director, Recreation and Parks

RE: Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting to be held September 21, 2021  
Item 7D – Measure AA grant application for DePave Park

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Golden Gate Audubon Society urges the City Council to adopt the proposed Resolution approving the application to the SF Bay Restoration Authority and the matching \$50,000 in City funding. Before going further, we'd like to thank Amy Wooldridge for her superb direction and continued persistence in steering the visioning and development process for DePave Park, together with the City Council and CASA, who have provided valuable help during this process.

The DePave Park envisioned here will benefit the people of Alameda, Alameda's wildlife and the entire Bay Area. The people of Alameda will have a peaceful new place to take a rest from the urban bustle and to enjoy and learn about nature. The expanded aquatic, tidal and land habitats are badly needed by wildlife in this urban core; the habitat benefits are multiplied by the fact that the Park will adjoin the VA Wetlands. Already, the adjacent reserve has been used by 210 species of birds, including endangered and threatened species.

The transformation of this space from pavement to wetlands and planted areas will sequester large amounts of carbon – offsetting the carbon from the park's creation within 4 years and offsetting the carbon emitted from the original construction in less than 25 years. Left as is, the site will take 210 more years to offset the carbon emitted from the original construction.

The creation of this DePave Park is an opportunity that Alameda must take. There is enthusiasm for this popular concept and so many hours of work have been consumed to bring it this far.

**GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY**

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We understand that as part of the planning process, the City will evaluate the removal of Building 25 from the park site. Its removal would greatly benefit wildlife, increase environmental diversity and improve the public's experience at the park. We hope that Building 25 will be removed and will provide additional information supporting that at an appropriate date.

If there is any way that Golden Gate Audubon can serve by providing information about the birds that currently use the space, birds that might be attracted to the new park, appropriate planting, or other elements of Bay Area nature, we would be happy to do so. This application and the matching funding have our enthusiastic support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Glenn Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn Phillips  
Executive Director



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September 12, 2021

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority  
1515 Clay St.  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Sierra Club supports planning grant funding for DePave Park at Alameda Point**

The Sierra Club enthusiastically supports the creation of the ecological shoreline park at Alameda Point known as DePave Park.

DePave Park will reintroduce tidal marsh and wetland habitat to Alameda that are reminiscent of the marshland that once existed on the western end of Alameda in the 19th Century. In addition, the conversion of hardscape to tidal ecosystem will produce benefits beyond its own boundary. It will also enhance the habitat value of the existing wetland on the adjacent federal property by providing a source of tidal waterflow to an area that currently experiences long spells of drought.

One of the key goals of regional Measure AA is fostering public access. DePave Park meets this goal by inviting the public into the park to experience, learn about, and appreciate the varied aspects of climate adaptation. Those aspects include carbon sequestration, supporting new marsh and wetland habitat around the Bay for wildlife as it is lost in other locations due to sea level rise, and storm-surge protection.

The vision for this park is a model for the Bay Area and beyond because it directly connects the public with climate change adaptation. This is a necessary connection if our society today, and in generations to come, is going to have the awareness to provide the challenging amounts of funding needed for an effective response to climate change.

We urge the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to award the City of Alameda the requested funding for DePave Park in the 2021 round of grants so that the master planning and permitting process can commence.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Igor Tregub".

Igor Tregub, Chair

Sierra Club Northern Alameda County Group