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IMPACT REPORT FOR THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS EVENT
CENTER AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT AT MISSION BAY SOUTH
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4 TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

1:22 P.M.

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6 AGENDA ITEM No. 5(b)

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8 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: The next order of
9 business is Regular Agenda 5(b), Public Hearing on the
10 Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the
11 Golden State Warriors Event Center and Mixed-Use
12 Development at Mission Bay South Blocks 29 through 32,
13 Discussion.

14 Agenda Item 5(b) is a Public Hearing on the
15 Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the
16 Golden State Warriors Event Center and Mixed-Use
17 Development Project at Mission Bay.

18 The purpose of this hearing is to receive
19 comments on the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft SEIR
20 in identifying the potential impacts of the project --
21 proposed project on the environment.

22 Members of the public wishing to make comments
23 are asked to please limit your oral comments to two
24 minutes and try not to repeat points already made by
25 other speakers. More detailed comments may be submitted

1 in writing until July 20th, 2015.

2 Please be advised for safety reasons standing
3 is not allowed due to room capacity. We have open
4 overflow rooms in Room 400, 408, and in the event that
5 fills up, Room 421 will also be available.

6 Once you have made your public comment, please
7 make your way to the overflow rooms to allow other
8 individuals to make their public comment. Thank you.

9 Madam Director.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOHEE: Thank you, Madam
11 Secretary.

12 Good afternoon, Commissioners and good
13 afternoon to the members of the public. Thank you so
14 very much for joining us.

15 Commissioners, this is a public hearing.
16 There is no proposed action on the proposed Golden State
17 Warriors mixed-use project. Today, again, the sole
18 purpose is to receive comments on the EIR.

19 So, with that brief introduction, I'd like
20 Sally Oerth, OCII Deputy Director, to provide context
21 and outline a process and procedures. Then the
22 Commission will receive public comment.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OERTH: Thank you, Director
24 Bohee.

25 Good afternoon, Commissioners. Again,

1 Sally Oerth, Deputy Director.

2 So, this item before you is to -- is a hearing
3 to receive comments on the Draft Subsequent
4 Environmental Impact Report, or SEIR, for the Golden
5 State Warriors Event Center and Mixed-Use Development at
6 Mission Bay South Blocks 29 to 32.

7 The Draft SEIR was published on June 10th,
8 and the comment period runs through July 20th, 2015.

9 Written comments may also be sent via E-mail to
10 warriors@sfgov.org or to the Planning Department, which
11 is assisting OCII with the Draft SEIR, and the specific
12 mailing address for submitting written comments to the
13 Planning Department is listed on page 2-9 of the SEIR.

14 Comments provided will be transcribed and
15 responded to in a Responses to Comment document, which
16 will respond to all verbal and written comments received
17 and make revisions to the Draft SEIR as appropriate.

18 This is not a hearing to consider approval or
19 disapproval of the project, therefore staff is not here
20 to respond to comments today. That hearing will
21 accompany the final certification of the SEIR later this
22 fall.

23 Comments today should be directed to the
24 adequacy and accuracy of information contained in the
25 Draft SEIR. Commenters are asked to state their name

1 and to speak slowly and clearly so that the Court
2 Reporter can produce an accurate transcript.

3 After hearing comments from the general
4 public, we will also take comments on the Draft SEIR by
5 members of the Commission.

6 And with that, that concludes my presentation.
7 I'm available for any questions. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

9 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Members of the
10 public, please come to the podium in the following order
11 and state your name for the record: Anna Fernandez,
12 Neal Ushman, Ray Nyden, Esther Stearns, and Matt
13 Prieshoff.

14 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Can you repeat those
15 names?

16 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Esther Sterns,
17 Ray Nyden, Neal Ushman, Anna Fernandez, and
18 Matt Prieshoff.

19 RAY NYDEN: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
20 Ray Nyden. I have lived in Potrero Hill and South Beach
21 for the past 15 years. I also have two businesses
22 nearby, and I'm a board member for the South Beach
23 Mission Bay Merchants Association.

24 The Warriors have shown an impressive
25 commitment to collaboration and community input in

1 planning the arena, in my opinion. They regularly brief
2 community stakeholders, present updates to the
3 Mission Bay Advisory Committee meetings, and gather
4 feedback from small businesses such as myself in the
5 neighborhood.

6 One of the many reasons I support the project
7 is because it's -- it is so pedestrian friendly. I will
8 be able to actually walk to the arena events from my
9 home, as well as be able to take dogs the new green area
10 that's going to be developed because of this arena.

11 I also like the fact that they're gonna have
12 year-round retail as well as restaurants for local
13 residents. So, it's going to be a new meeting place and
14 a place for us to enjoy.

15 With that short set, I would like to just
16 thank you for your time today, and the City, for taking
17 the time to do the Environmental Impact Report. Thank
18 you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

20 NEAL USHMAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
21 My name is Neal Ushman, and I'm a resident of
22 Mission Bay.

23 I was originally going to address how
24 impressed I have been with the way the Warriors have
25 been working with the community in addressing our

1 concerns regarding the new arena. At the many community
2 meetings I have attended, concerns by residents were
3 voiced, and potential solutions to these concerns were
4 explained in great detail. However, after reading this
5 morning's Chronicle, I would like to address another
6 topic.

7 Thus far, the major opposition has come from
8 the Mission Bay Alliance, and while most of the
9 membership is anonymous, none of those publicly-named
10 members even live close to Mission Bay, and as most
11 thinking-people realize, this group is made up of
12 U.C.S.F. donors and biotech executives who are upset
13 that the land is not going to be used for biotech.
14 After all, they know what's best for San Francisco.

15 Now, the California Nurses Association comes
16 out against the arena with concerns about access to
17 U.C.S.F. Mission Bay. Have any of these representatives
18 attended any of the CAC meetings where these items were
19 discussed? No.

20 And according to the Chronicle, when asked
21 about the Warriors' plans, all of the speakers admitted
22 they were unfamiliar with the EIR. And while they claim
23 to have no affiliation with the Mission Bay Alliance,
24 their news conference, conveniently timed for coverage
25 on the same day as this meeting, was organized by the

1 same public relations company that represents the
2 Alliance.

3 I'm an educator, and as I remind my students
4 about the duck test, if it looks like a duck and quacks
5 like a duck, it probably is a duck. I would give much
6 more credence to the nurses' concerns if they were
7 brought up earlier, and even if one the speakers
8 yesterday had taken the time to actually read the
9 relevant sections of the EIR.

10 As a grandparent, my granddaughter was a
11 patient in the U.C.S.F. neonatal unit at Parnassus.
12 Access and parking at that location was a challenge. I
13 find it difficult to believe that the Nurses Association
14 believes that the City, U.C.S.F., and the Warriors have
15 turned a blind eye to the legitimate traffic concerns
16 surrounding the new arena and have not taken steps to
17 deal with this issue. After all, we are talking about
18 approximately 200 events per year.

19 Salesforce would have brought in at least that
20 number of people into the area five days a week, 52
21 weeks a year.

22 Let's not use traffic concerns that have been
23 or are being addressed as a foil for other people's
24 agendas.

25 Thank you.

1 ESTHER STEARNS: Good afternoon. My name is
2 Esther Sterns. I am a resident of Mission Bay, where
3 I've been a homeowner since 2010.

4 I'm very excited about the arena's bike and
5 pedestrian access, which I hope will really encourage
6 people to get out of their cars and walk more in our
7 neighborhood, which is something I would like to see.

8 My wife and I are raising three teenage
9 children in Mission Bay. Until recently, I think they
10 were the only teenagers in Mission Bay. But -- so, when
11 we moved to Mission Bay, when we crossed the creek and
12 moved South, we knew there would be more development,
13 more traffic, more density. And so, we're not surprised
14 that there's new development on this lot. We don't
15 expect there to be empty lots anyplace in a valuable
16 part of San Francisco.

17 We think the arena is an unexpected bonus for
18 our neighborhood, with the bike paths, with the new
19 parks, with the holiday ice arena as a possibility. All
20 of these things are things that we think enhance our
21 neighborhood for families in a way that few alternatives
22 really could achieve.

23 So, in that sense, we are excited about the
24 arena. Of course, we support the Warriors, but we're
25 also excited about what the arena can mean for our

1 neighborhood, and particularly, children in our
2 neighborhood. And there are now 250 new children in our
3 neighborhood. We're very excited for them to have
4 access to all of this.

5 So, that's the basis for our support. I thank
6 you for your attention today, and I hope you'll take
7 into consideration these neighborhood needs as you make
8 your decision.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

11 MATT PRIESHOFF: Good afternoon. My name is
12 Matt Prieshoff. I'm the chief operating officer for
13 Live Nation in the State of California.

14 As many of you know, Live Nation is one of the
15 world's largest entertainment companies, putting
16 concerts on all across the world.

17 We're strong supporters of the proposed arena
18 in the Mission Bay area, in large part because there's
19 no major arena in San Francisco, and this great city
20 deserves a great arena, and we know the Warriors have
21 planned for one.

22 As San Francisco's first ever multipurpose
23 arena, the Warriors will attract people from around the
24 Bay Area, from around the state, and around the world
25 for major events.

1 As a city, we should be pushing transit first,
2 and we believe that the Warriors EIR plan does that. We
3 believe that this is a transit-rich area and -- that
4 they've done a phenomenal job studying all the potential
5 parking areas around the arena as well.

6 We want to go on record to you to voice our
7 enthusiastic support of this arena plan, and we hope you
8 will consider our recommendation throughout this
9 process.

10 Thank you very much.

11 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Anna Fernandez,
12 Alyssa Kies, Alejandro Madi, Alex -- and I'll spell the
13 last name -- it's D-O-N-I-A-C-H -- Damion Scott, Andrew
14 Battàt, please come to the podium.

15 ALYSSA KIES: My name is as Alyssa Kies, and
16 I'm here representing SPUR.

17 We've been involved with planning in Mission
18 Bay for many decades, and while we understand that the
19 idea of putting an arena in Mission Bay is a change, we
20 think it's going to be very positive overall for the
21 neighborhood. It's how cities work.

22 Over the years, different people bring you
23 ideas, and places evolve through the layering process of
24 each generation contributing something different. It's
25 going to make Mission Bay a more interesting place than

1 have it all being one thing.

2 And on the issue involving transportation
3 impacts, we believe the Warriors are doing pretty much
4 everything we could hope for. Between the transit
5 investments, the existing transit infrastructure, and
6 the fact that some people will be able to walk from
7 Caltrans or from their neighborhood, the impacts are
8 going to be manageable. The City is making the proper
9 investments in transportation infrastructure to support
10 the project.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

13 ANNA FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. My name is
14 Anna Fernandez, and I work at the Pediatric Emergency
15 Department in Mission Bay.

16 I care for very sick children who need
17 continual monitoring and devoted, hands-on care. I am
18 here today to convey my concerns and the concerns of my
19 colleagues, the 3,000 registered nurses represented by
20 the California Nurses Association at U.C.S.F., including
21 the 900 registered nurses who work at U.C.S.F. Mission
22 Bay.

23 We are not here today to protest the Golden
24 State Warriors. We are here today for one reason: To
25 advocate for our patients and their family members.

1 As you know, the area around the hospital and
2 clinic facilities at Mission Bay is almost like a small
3 island unto itself, with a very narrow corridor between
4 the Bay and the highways. It is an increasingly dense
5 community with little public transportation that can
6 become easily congested.

7 A major additional project such as this will
8 undoubtedly increase congestion during the events it is
9 intended to house. We know that the games or other
10 special events -- in those narrow corridors, the traffic
11 can result in gridlock and can limit access for
12 everyone, and that is our major concern.

13 What will the City do to ensure the patients
14 who need the highly specialized care that we provide,
15 and other patients coming to Mission Bay -- will they
16 have access in a timely manner when they need it -- 24
17 hours a day, every day of the year, including during
18 games, concerts, or other special events?

19 What will the City do to ensure the parents of
20 the children I care for and members of other patients --
21 will they be able to get to the hospital to be by the
22 side of the -- of their loved ones?

23 What will the City do to ensure that nurses
24 like myself and doctors and other healthcare
25 professionals and personnel will be able to get to the

1 hospital and clinics at Mission Bay to care for our
2 patients?

3 In a small, densely-packed city such as ours,
4 congestion that affects public health and safety must
5 always be addressed, and the needs of the whole
6 community, not just the wealthy developers, must always
7 be addressed.

8 Many of us raised similar concerns during the
9 review process for the California Pacific Medical Center
10 facility --

11 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: I'm sorry, but your two
12 minutes is up.

13 ANNA FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your time.

14 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

15 ALEJANDRO MADI: Hello. My name is Alejandro
16 Madi, and I'm a research analyst for Unite Here Local 2.
17 We are the union that represents more than 14,000 hotel
18 and food workers in San Francisco.

19 I'm here today to express our union's strong
20 support for the Warriors project. From the prospective
21 of creating good, quality, working-class jobs, the
22 proposed arena is probably the most important
23 development we have seen in San Francisco in the last 15
24 years.

25 At a time when working-class families are

1 being squeezed out of our City through a combination of
2 stagnant incomes and rising rents, we should be doing
3 everything we can to promote projects like this one.

4 As you may know, our union represents 800
5 concession workers at the AT&T park. While we struggle
6 hard to raise wages and benefits at the ballpark, those
7 remain very part-time jobs because of the nature of the
8 baseball season.

9 The prospect of a basketball and event center
10 close by holds out the possibility that food service
11 workers could string jobs at these facilities together
12 to something that gives them a real pathway to
13 middle-class jobs. That would be a game changer for
14 food service workers in San Francisco.

15 The Warriors reached out to our union early on
16 to ensure that workers who currently staff their
17 concessions are guaranteed a place at the new arena, and
18 that the addition of positions created here will be the
19 kind of jobs that raise the bar in San Francisco.
20 That's exactly the kind of development that our City
21 should be investing in.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

24 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Will the next person
25 please come up?

1 ALEX DONIACH: Good afternoon. Thank you. My
2 name is Alex Doniach, and I am speaking on behalf of the
3 Mission Bay Alliance, the coalition of U.C.S.F. staff,
4 stakeholders, and residents concerned about the proposed
5 stadium in Mission Bay.

6 Since we've launched our efforts, we've been
7 out talking to employees and residents in the Mission
8 Bay neighborhood. We've heard from hundreds, if not
9 thousands, of people who are concerned about this
10 project and its significant impacts on traffic, parking,
11 access, and quality of life in Mission Bay.

12 We've also launched a petition, calling for
13 the City to reject this project. In the past few weeks
14 alone, we've collected more than 4,600 signatures from
15 residents, U.C.S.F. healthcare workers, employees, and
16 neighbors who are concerned about the impact of this
17 18,500-seat arena.

18 I am submitting that petition today. We have
19 received letters, too, which we're also submitting, from
20 neighbors who are concerned about the impacts of this
21 project on parking, access to hospitals, traffic, and
22 air quality -- letters that ask the City of San
23 Francisco to consider alternative sites other than
24 Mission Bay for this environmentally-damaging project.

25 Just yesterday, the California Nurses

1 Association expressed their concerns about this project.
2 In the weeks and months to come, more people will be
3 joining the growing numbers who are coming to understand
4 just how bad this will be for the neighborhood, U.C.S.F.
5 access to emergency care, and traffic throughout the
6 entire east side of the City.

7 We hope you'll take these residents and their
8 strong opinions into consideration when reviewing this
9 project.

10 Thank you.

11 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Please come to the
12 podium.

13 DAMION SCOTT: Good afternoon. Thank you very
14 much for this opportunity. I am speaking on behalf of
15 Allison Heath, who could not make it here today.

16 She writes:

17 "I have serious concerns regarding the
18 environmental impacts of the proposed
19 Warriors arena which are not fully disclosed
20 or fully analyzed in the Draft EIR.

21 "The Draft EIR shows that the project
22 would cause severe traffic gridlock, noise,
23 and air pollution in Mission Bay, right next
24 to the U.C.S.F. and other medical
25 facilities, yet the Draft EIR does not even

1 discuss the land-use impacts of the project.
2 They were not analyzed in the mission of the
3 planned EIR.

4 "Additionally, the project will further
5 hinder access to other parts of the City and
6 the Bay Bridge to Mission Bay. Even with
7 the improvements proposed by the City,
8 Mission Bay cannot handle up to 18,500 fans
9 and 225 events per year, especially when
10 both stadiums have games.

11 "While restricting the number of parking
12 spaces may be considered a means of traffic
13 management under the City's regulation, the
14 practical effects will be yet more
15 gridlocked and unhealthy air emissions, and
16 traffic and parking impacts will reduce
17 access for emergency and urgent care for
18 patients and add to the existing commute
19 challenges for the nurses, doctors, and
20 medical staffs who work at the Mission Bay
21 medical campus.

22 "The Draft EIR also ignores the health
23 and safety impacts of interfering with
24 access to essential medical facilities.

25 "Increased car and truck emissions in

1 the area will be unhealthy for residents,
2 workers, and hospital patients. This will
3 have a disastrous impact on the health and
4 welfare of Mission Bay residents.

5 "Overall, we are disappointed with the
6 City's approach to the environmental review
7 of the project, which fails to fully assess
8 the impacts of the project and fails to
9 provide adequate mitigation for the impacts
10 that are identified in the Draft EIR.

11 "Thus, we ask the City of San Francisco,
12 avoid the disastrous impacts of the proposed
13 entertainment center at the Mission Bay
14 community, including the health and welfare
15 of patients, families, employees and
16 neighbors."

17 Thank you very much.

18 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Sir, would you please
19 state your name?

20 DAMION SCOTT: Oh, I'm sorry. My name is
21 Damion Scott.

22 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Would the following
23 people please come to the podium: Blaise Gisslow,
24 Annabel Ortiz, Vanessa Aquino, Curt Yagi, Alex -- and
25 I'll spell the last name -- it's G-A-N-O-W-S-I-H-I.

1 ANDREW BATTÀT: Hello. My name is Andrew
2 Battàt, and I'll be reading a letter on behalf of J.
3 Huerta (phonetic), who was not able to attend this
4 meeting.

5 "I am very concerned about the negative
6 impact of traffic and parking in the
7 neighborhood by the proposed stadium at 3rd
8 and 16th Streets.

9 "Currently, when there is an event at
10 the Giants Stadium, my commute to the
11 Financial District is doubled, be it by car,
12 T-train, or bicycle, due to the influx of
13 people to the neighborhood. Furthermore,
14 parking in the neighborhood is filled with
15 fans, and makes it difficult for residents
16 returning from work.

17 "While I appreciate these fans
18 supporting our local Giants, I do not
19 appreciate the out-of-town, In-N-Out Burger
20 trash, nor the empty containers left in the
21 streets. This speaks to the way that crowds
22 rush into the games and are often not
23 supporting the local" -- excuse me -- "and
24 how the crowds are not supporting the local
25 community since the games are already so

1 expensive.

2 "Adding basketball season to the event
3 calendar for this neighborhood will
4 definitely have a negative impact on the
5 traffic and parking in the surrounding
6 neighborhoods, and residents will be hurt,
7 along with business development and growth.

8 "I am in favor of neighborhood growth,
9 but unfortunately, I think this stadium will
10 only profit the developer, and I would
11 rather have long-term business growth that
12 this neighborhood is already invested in."

13 Thank you again. That was J. Huerta, a
14 San Francisco resident.

15 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

16 BLAISE GISSLOW: Thank you to the board for
17 putting on this meeting. I'm very happy to have an
18 opportunity to voice my opinion.

19 My name is Blaise Gisslow. I'm a concerned
20 citizen of San Francisco, and I'm pretty familiar with
21 the EIR. And I know we've all heard a lot of statistics
22 about parking and stuff, so I'm going to start with a
23 quote I read from an SF Gate article. The quote was
24 from a City official. It said:

25 "Will there be traffic?"

1 "Yes."

2 "Will we be able to handle it?"

3 "Yes."

4 Well, I look around the City, and I don't
5 think it's been handled at all. I don't see the
6 credibility in an official who says they know how to
7 handle traffic in a city that's been overrun with
8 traffic for years now.

9 A problem, I think, with the EIR and the
10 public's opinion is, people are very uninformed about
11 what's actually going on with the costs going into this
12 arena.

13 Yes, the arena is publicly -- I mean,
14 privately financed, but one thing they haven't talked
15 about is the resulting public transportation
16 improvements that will come along with this project.

17 So, Caltrans had a proposed and approved line
18 going through King Station, but the Mayor wants to
19 change that line going to the new arena he's proposing,
20 and that would cost \$2.5 billion.

21 That is not privately funded. That would be
22 taxpayer money. And I think that's a huge problem
23 that's not addressed in the EIR. That's a huge amount
24 of money not accounted for, let alone the \$40 million of
25 proposed improvements to the public transportation, as

1 well as \$6.6 million in annual upkeep fees to the public
2 transportation.

3 These are all costs that are not addressed at
4 all in the EIR. These are all under the radar that no
5 one talks about or knows about, and I think that's a
6 huge problem with this project.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

9 VANESSA AQUINO: Good afternoon,
10 Commissioners. My name is Vanessa Aquino. I'm a native
11 San Franciscan and have lived in Dogpatch for almost 12
12 years. I'm also on the board of the neighborhood
13 Dogpatch Association, and I have witnessed firsthand how
14 our community has grown and changed a lot.

15 I proudly support the Warriors mixed-used
16 development, because it will serve as a community hub
17 for performing arts, retail space, restaurants, and a
18 wide range of community events, and the Warriors have
19 outreached to us and communicate within our community.

20 Even better, the Warriors are privately
21 financing it with no money coming from the City or the
22 public, and no new taxes would be involved.

23 This is a huge win for our community and for
24 all of San Francisco. Having the Warriors in our
25 neighborhood and community will create and bring new

1 needed businesses within Mission Bay, Dogpatch, and
2 beyond, which would be Bayview, for me speaking.

3 Thank you for your time, and I hope you will
4 take my support in consideration. Have a good
5 afternoon.

6 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

7 ANNABEL ORTIZ: Hi. Good afternoon. My name
8 is Annabel Ortiz, and I am here to talk about the
9 opposition, because we do not want the stadium to be
10 built at the Mission Bay.

11 So, over the past two weeks, I have been
12 canvassing the Mission Bay area, and I've been speaking
13 with residents and employees, and I've been speaking to
14 the relatives who are visiting patients at the hospital,
15 and I've been asking them, What are your views on
16 building the stadium in such a closed unit?

17 And overwhelmingly, the response that I
18 received frequently was, Do not build it. I do not want
19 the stadium here. We do not need the traffic. We do
20 not have enough parking.

21 Again, you know, the BART station doesn't go
22 in that direction, so more people are going to be
23 driving in. So, number one, the concern is to
24 definitely avoid the traffic congestion.

25 One employee said that when he's driving out

1 of the parking area to go home, and if there's a Giant's
2 game, it takes him about 30 minutes just to drive one
3 block, and it takes about two hours or two-and-a-half
4 hours just to get out of the area and to catch the
5 freeway. So, in thinking about that, the infrastructure
6 is not suited for a stadium. It's not suited to bring
7 18,000 fans into this area.

8 A nurse also mentioned her concerns, which
9 are, How are the emergency vehicles going to access?
10 How can they come in and out of the area?

11 Well, there's really no plan, and if there is,
12 it hasn't been communicated, and that's a problem.

13 And, lastly, I want to just leave you with a
14 question about, What would responsible development look
15 like in San Francisco?

16 You know, it's not just a problem with the
17 stadium, but in San Francisco in general. What does
18 that really look like for the council members? And, you
19 know, we can't deny that traffic is a problem in the
20 quality of life for all of San Francisco.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

23 CURT YAGI: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
24 Curt Yagi. I'm the executive director of ROCK, Real
25 Options For City Kids. We're a non-profit in

1 San Francisco's Visitacion Valley for over 28 years,
2 serving children and youth there. I'm also a long-term
3 Potrero Hill resident.

4 I'm a big supporter of the Warriors and their
5 move to Mission Bay. I know the team and the City have
6 worked really hard to take feedback from the community,
7 address their needs, and put this into a plan. I think
8 this is great for that community.

9 In addition, through my work at ROCK -- we
10 have been working with them in partnership for well over
11 about 10 years, probably even longer -- they're the one
12 rare sports team in the Bay Area that really takes to
13 heart what they want to do, gives back to the community,
14 like organizations like us, does a host of things
15 without the need for -- and expectations for PR.
16 They're doing it for the right reasons.

17 I have no doubt they're going to look out for
18 the community organizations such as ours, as well as the
19 general community.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

22 ALEXANDER GRANOWSKI: Good afternoon. My name
23 is Alexander Granowski. I'll be speaking on behalf of
24 Harold M. Hoogasian, who could not make it today.

25 "Although I support the quest for an

1 event arena that might serve as the
2 Warriors' home in San Francisco, the site
3 proposed to cross the U.C.S.F. Mission Bay
4 is not appropriate.

5 "The lack of parking, coupled with the
6 proximity to both the Medical Center and
7 AT&T park is a recipe for congestion and a
8 potential disturbance for the quiet care of
9 patients at the Medical Center.

10 "I understand there's an alternative
11 site available for consideration which has
12 comparable transportation infrastructure
13 support and is removed by some distance from
14 the Medical Center and the ballpark."

15 Thank you for your time.

16 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

17 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Will the following
18 people please come up: Sebastian Conn, Kevin Carroll,
19 Scott Van Horn, Pat Valentino, and Esther Stearns.

20 SEBASTIAN CONN: Good afternoon, Commissioners
21 and Madame Chairman. My name is Sebastian Conn, and I'm
22 here to speak in support of the project.

23 I'm a student here in San Francisco, and like
24 so many San Franciscans, I rely on riding my bicycle
25 everywhere.

1 I'm excited for the Warriors to move to
2 Mission Bay, because I think this venue will have
3 tremendous bicycle access, with the abundant bike
4 parking as outlined in the EIR.

5 It has over 300 valet spots, over 100 secure
6 bike parking spots in the office buildings, and dozens
7 more around the site. Plus, this project will bring new
8 bike lines on Terry Francois and 16th Street, making it
9 simple and safe to get to.

10 Thank you for your time.

11 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

12 SCOTT VAN HORN: Hi. I'm Scott Van Horn.
13 Thank you for the opportunity to have me speak today on
14 the Draft EIR.

15 I live in Dogpatch, just a couple of blocks
16 from the site. I'm actually one of the very few that is
17 going to get my view of the Bay Bridge blocked from my
18 apartment by the project, however I'm not a NIMBY.

19 As others have talked about this document,
20 this document is incredibly thorough, and I applaud the
21 City for looking at all the issues so carefully and
22 demonstrating attention to the impacts to my
23 neighborhood.

24 I'm especially pleased about the new
25 businesses and parks that will go in within walking

1 distance.

2 As you know, the Warriors and the City have
3 been working very closely with neighbors like myself,
4 listening to our feedback and incorporating the
5 community suggestions into their plan. As a result,
6 they've come up with a project that perfectly fits into
7 the Mission Bay, Dogpatch, and other surrounding
8 communities.

9 Most of the neighbors that I've talked about
10 [sic] are extremely excited about it. I'd like to go on
11 record that I am personally in support of the new arena.

12 Thank you.

13 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Cathy Searby,
14 Ace Washington, D.J. Brookter, and Nick Belloini, please
15 come to the podium.

16 PATRICK VALENTINO: Good afternoon. My name
17 is Patrick Valentino. I'm the vice president of the
18 South Beach Mission Bay Merchants Association. I also
19 live in the neighborhood, close to where the new event
20 center will be.

21 I've taken some time to look at the
22 Traffic Management Plan and the Draft EIR, and a couple
23 of things, I think, are very important to point out.

24 Number one, if you start to compare traffic
25 management plans of arenas that have been constructed in

1 the recent decade, you'd see that this is probably one
2 of the most in-depth and forward-looking plans, moving
3 to a transit-first plan, as opposed to prioritizing the
4 automobile, which I think is extremely important. This
5 one talks about having the most bike parking spaces that
6 we'll ever see for an arena.

7 Also, in discussions, as I understand it from
8 attending a lot of the public meetings, is that there's
9 talk about having direct right-of-way for hospital
10 workers and emergency vehicles. And I think that's
11 extremely important to consider.

12 It is not the case that the hospital and the
13 emergency issues have been taken off the table. That is
14 very much part of the discussions, and we should pay
15 deference to that.

16 As far as quality of life goes, you know,
17 we're evolving and finding out that cities are some of
18 the greenest places that we can be, and this is where we
19 have a chance to put housing next to work, next to play.

20 And the event center is a sense of place that
21 can happen in Mission Bay. It can create a very new and
22 exciting place for us that is environmentally very aware
23 and sensitive to our surroundings.

24 It's going to be a LEED gold-certified
25 construction -- that's significantly important -- with

1 offers to mitigate 100 percent of any greenhouse gas
2 emissions.

3 Again, we shouldn't look through the lense of
4 the automobile and what might have been construction in
5 the 1950's, but look forward to what we're doing today.

6 I very much support this project, and so does
7 our association.

8 Thank you very much.

9 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

10 CATHY SEARBY: Thank you, Commissioners. My
11 name is Cathy Searby, and I live in Mission Bay with my
12 husband and daughter, and I live next door to the
13 proposed arena site.

14 We're very excited as a family, not only to
15 watch the championship Warriors basketball team in the
16 arena, but we feel strongly that San Francisco needs
17 this entertainment destination, with the family shows
18 such as "Disney on Ice," the Globetrotters, and concerts
19 we can attend together.

20 I'm also excited about the waterfront park as
21 there's nothing like this currently in the south
22 neighborhoods, and it provides a place for kids and
23 families to enjoy the beautiful views, have fun in a
24 safe environment.

25 The Warriors and the City have gone through

1 thorough analysis of the project, including extensive
2 meetings -- the Mission Bay CAC, U.C.S.F., and our
3 neighborhood -- to address our concerns. They have made
4 good progress with all of us, especially U.C.S.F., in
5 coordinating their respective operations so both can
6 function productively in our neighborhood.

7 As a result, the Warriors team have come up
8 with a project that fits well in the community and that
9 we, as neighbors, are very excited about, if you would
10 put us down for three.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

13 D.J. BROOKTER: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
14 Madam Chair, Director Bohee. My name is D.J. Brookter,
15 and I'm the president of Bayview-Hunters Point, and I'm
16 also the deputy director of Young Community Developers,
17 which is in Bayview-Hunters Point, and I'm here to
18 express my strong support for the Warriors and the arena
19 at Mission Bay.

20 Pat actually stated -- I was extremely
21 impressed on how green the project itself is based off
22 the EIR. The arena emission rate will be LEED gold
23 certified and will truly set a standard for sustainable
24 building design, I think, here in the City.

25 And the Warriors are more than just a

1 basketball team, as we've seen, especially with the
2 championship that we just had. And what the team will
3 actually do is be a partner in the community.

4 I know just that Young Community Developers
5 alone, within the past two seasons, we've been able to
6 employ well over 200 individuals from Bayview-Hunters
7 Point that we actually transported from Bayview-Hunters
8 Point to Oakland to work in the arena. So, just imagine
9 how many more folks, from an economic standpoint, that
10 will be able to work once those guys are here in Mission
11 Bay.

12 I just want to thank you all for the
13 opportunity to speak on behalf of the EIR and for your
14 time today in my support for the Warriors stadium.

15 Thank you.

16 ACE WASHINGTON: Good afternoon.

17 I apologize to the younger generation in the
18 back here, but, you know, this is what happens down here
19 at City Hall. I mean, this is something light.

20 But let me just go on. Ace on the Case. Who
21 is gonna replace Ace is the Case, Community Assistance
22 Service Enterprise?

23 See, what we do is analyze things -- think
24 about the theme, the scheme, and the team. We analyze
25 the team, find out what the scheme is, and we come back

1 and analyze it.

2 Think about it, ladies and gentlemen. I'm not
3 new to this; I'm true to this. Okay.

4 Let me just also go on and say, I don't need
5 the permission, because I'm on a mission. You know,
6 I've been doing this for 25 years, youngsters back
7 there, so you all need to take note. My name is Ace,
8 and I'll give you my numbers later.

9 But right now, let's talk about the players
10 we've got here. The players. This is all about dollar
11 bills. You know, you talk about the EIR. This is about
12 dollar bills.

13 Right here. Let's talk about the players, the
14 bases. Let's talk about who is representing who. One
15 side is an ex-member of the Mayor's, and then you got a
16 next side that's a -- what -- he's a community or -- he
17 works for consultants for the big Lennar out there. So,
18 you've got big two big consultants. We're talking about
19 money now. We don't mention that in the EIR, but I'm
20 here to tell you, that A-C-E has been studying it.

21 So, we're going got put all these things
22 together and we're gonna up with a solution, Mr.
23 Warrior. It's called "community reform," to get -- you
24 know, flip-flop and drop all this other stuff.

25 We, as community people, must be involved with

1 the growth of this city for the next 10 years for the
2 generation in the back. So, therefore, I've got a
3 method to all this pollution.

4 You need to have some kind of conversations
5 about how we're going to put things together. And the
6 only way to do that is you've got to collectively deal
7 with our legislators out here, with our supervisors --
8 London Breed and Cohen.

9 That's the only way, youngsters in the back,
10 we're gonna change, so you, in 10 years, will be able to
11 have some part of it.

12 My name is Ace, and I'm on the case.

13 Also, about the Warriors down at Mission Bay,
14 my request is a simple one: For the blacks to note that
15 we were part of the Mission Bay through Jim Jefferson.

16 My name is Ace, and I'm on the case.

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

18 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: John Caine,
19 Jon Ballesteros, Dianne Hartnett, and Kim Kobasil [sic],
20 please come to the podium.

21 KIM KOBASIC: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
22 My name is Kim Kobasic. I am a Potrero Hill resident
23 and small business owner in the South Beach.

24 I'm also the copresident of the South Beach
25 Mission Bay Business Association, and I am here to

1 express my support for the Warrior's arena in
2 Mission Bay.

3 After taking some time to review the EIR, I am
4 excited about the open pedestrian accessibility in the
5 arena. The walk is going to be flat. It's going to be
6 easy and beautiful along the waterfront.

7 The venue's proximity to public transportation
8 means that anyone who lives near BART, Muni, or a
9 Caltrain line can walk to a stop or station and arrive
10 at the arena's doorstep within minutes.

11 The new arena also triggers the construction
12 of the new bayfront park, which will make Mission Bay
13 more hospitable for runners, families, and allow people
14 to enjoy the waterfront. Right now, that is not
15 currently possible.

16 Thank you for your time today, and I hope you
17 will take my feedback into consideration.

18 TIM PAULSON: Commissioners, good afternoon.
19 my name is Tim Paulson.

20 I'm the executive director of the
21 San Francisco Labor Council. We represent over 100
22 unions here in town, many of members who do live in the
23 District 10 and 6 in the areas that have been
24 revitalized over the last 30 years.

25 I can remember when there was an old shipyard

1 out there -- I should say an old train station -- out in
2 that area, and there were many different plans that were
3 put together to build a hospital, build new businesses
4 and parks. There's so many different, exciting things
5 that are going there. And I've been on record as saying
6 that the Labor Council supports this arena to come to
7 San Francisco.

8 The first thing that the Warriors did -- one
9 of the first things they did when they first announced
10 their intentions to come to San Francisco is to call the
11 Labor Council, and there have been many, many meetings
12 and discussions with the unions here in town, and that's
13 where we moved.

14 And I'll tell you, even last night when I was
15 coming back on the plane from New York City and I
16 noticed that the California Nurses Association, which is
17 a very wonderful union that's part of our
18 Labor Council -- even before I saw that they had a press
19 conference yesterday, there still were concerns that
20 people had about traffic mitigation next to a hospital.

21 And we take that very seriously, and we take
22 the nurses very seriously. But I've been assured by the
23 Warriors and the City as we go through this ongoing
24 process that those mitigations will take place.

25 Again, this is an evolving neighborhood, and

1 it's a wonderful neighborhood, and it's exciting that
2 the Warriors are coming here, and I think that we will
3 get to the right place at the right time to make sure
4 that this happens.

5 Thank you very much.

6 JOHN CAINE: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
7 John Caine, and I'm a small business owner in
8 Mission Bay and in South Beach.

9 I support the Warriors arena project in
10 San Francisco, knowing that it will have a positive
11 impact on our Mission Bay Community. I've reviewed the
12 arena plan, and what really stands out to me is the
13 steps that the architects have taken to minimize the
14 impact that this project has on our environment.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in
16 today.

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

18 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Please come to the
19 podium: Paul -- and I'll spell the last name -- it's
20 O-B-I-D-S-M-O-N; Stefano -- and I'll spell the last
21 name -- C-A-S-S-O-L-A-T-O; Ben Bleiman. Please come to
22 the podium, Adam Gould and Curt Yagi.

23 JON BALLESTEROS: Good afternoon,
24 Commissioners. Jon Ballesteros, San Francisco Travel
25 Association, and I'm here today to express our strong

1 support for the Warriors arena in Mission Bay.

2 Throughout the EIR process, the City has done
3 a thorough analysis of the project and every conceivable
4 impact it could have on the city. The team has been
5 above board and maintained complete transparency in
6 their plans since they've been talking about this
7 project many, many years ago.

8 We have confidence in the City's assessment
9 that traffic be manageable, and we believe that the
10 benefits of having a multipurpose arena that will serve
11 all of San Francisco will far outweigh any potential
12 impacts.

13 So, with that, I want to thank you for
14 opportunity to weigh in today.

15 DIANNE HARTNETT: Thank you for your time.
16 I'm Dianne Hartnett, and I'm here because I'm a real
17 estate professional that's been working in the
18 South Beach Mission Bay area since 1989.

19 I have been specializing in South Beach
20 Mission Bay since 2005. I have worked with hundreds of
21 people renting, purchasing, developing in the area, and
22 I am here to support the progress.

23 I know change is difficult, and I believe,
24 witnessing, attending meetings, talking to people that I
25 have worked with, for the most part they're supportive

1 of a responsible vote.

2 There is no place in the City that does not
3 have a traffic headache at this moment in time, that I,
4 too, have witnessed. I, too, live in a neighborhood
5 with retail. That comes with some pros and cons, but
6 the majority of the people with this vision for this
7 neighborhood moved here knowing this change was
8 inevitable. And I think that the outcome, if people
9 will collaborate, could be very, very positive for the
10 entire City, not just Mission Bay.

11 We thank you for taking so much time to really
12 thoughtfully think and listen to everybody and all their
13 opinions.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

16 STEFANO CASSOLATO: Good afternoon,
17 Commission. My name is Stefano Cassolato. I'm a
18 registered lobbyist in the City, but I'm here on a
19 pro-bono basis.

20 I'm coming as a long-term resident. I'm 50
21 years old, and I was 10 years old when the Warriors won
22 the championship. That really made me happy as a young
23 child and really got me interested in the Warriors. And
24 I'm 50 now, and I'm still very excited about what they
25 brought to the Bay Area.

1 I would like to say this: When the Giants
2 came, you know, to talk about putting a stadium on the
3 water, there was opposition. There was many of the same
4 opposing dis- -- opposing arguments that we're hearing
5 today. However, this is a very thorough group, project
6 sponsor, from the top down -- Mr. Wells, Lacob, Gruber.
7 They pay attention to detail. They dot their I's. They
8 cross their T's. They hire very, very skilled people,
9 and they're very well prepared.

10 This City is going to have something that
11 they've needed desperately for years. We have a big
12 venue, we have many small venues, but we don't have a an
13 arena. If we want to call ourselves a world-class city,
14 we're going to need a venue that they're proposing
15 today. More than just basketball. Concerts. Events.

16 I remember, in 2001, I worked with Bob Arum of
17 Top Rank to bring Mayweather-Chavez before Mayweather
18 was money. And we had that event at the Civic. And I
19 remember how important that was. We can attract more
20 venues like this.

21 This EIR is very thorough, well thought out,
22 and this arena will be nestled in Mission Bay, which
23 many people will embrace.

24 I think what's going to happen here is, we're
25 going to make sure that all the steps are taken so that

1 all these concerns are addressed.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

4 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Will the following
5 people please come to the podium: Kevin Carroll,
6 Cathy Searby, Andrew Goldstein [sic], and Nick Belloini.

7 BENJAMIN BLEIMAN: Hello, Commissioners.
8 Thank you from having me. My name is Benjamin Bleiman.

9 I am the founder and owner of Tonic Nightlife
10 Group, which has seven bars in San Francisco, as well as
11 an event company. We employ over 75 people.

12 I'm also the founder and manager of the
13 San Francisco Bar Owner Alliance. We have 220 elite bar
14 owners in that group.

15 I'm also the chairman of the board of the
16 California Music and Culture Association, which is the
17 trade group called CMAC for short, that represents bars,
18 nightclubs, music festivals, and music venues in
19 San Francisco.

20 I want to talk today about the impact that
21 this stadium, this arena, will have on San Francisco's
22 nightlife.

23 It is -- all those groups that I spoke of,
24 it's our job to support vibrant, world-class nightlife
25 in San Francisco, and we feel that this arena will

1 contribute in a very meaningful way to bringing
2 San Francisco up to a world-class city in terms of
3 nightlife, not just from the events that will be there,
4 from sporting events to A-list concerts and music events
5 such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers or Beyoncé, which now
6 have a chance of actually playing in our city, but also
7 in all the people that it'll draw from the outside
8 areas, who will then stay in the city, some of them, and
9 go in the City and spend their time and their money and
10 their joyous smiles at our nightlife venues. So, we're
11 very excited about that.

12 They've outlined the existing parking near the
13 venue and the extensive of public transportation that
14 will serve the site, and the traffic management plan
15 that I've looked at is very thoughtful and thoroughly
16 done, and it gives us no reason for concern.

17 So, we want to go on record to support the
18 arena in the strongest possible terms.

19 Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

21 NICK BELLOINI: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
22 My name is Nick Belloini. I'm going to weigh in on this
23 proposal.

24 I think that's it's a wonderful idea to have
25 an arena here in the San Francisco. The area has gone

1 through an extensive EIR early on, when it became the
2 Mission Bay.

3 I remember hearing my dad's stories -- who
4 used to be a part of customs, going through the
5 warehouses that used to be there. And, trust me,
6 there's some things you never want to hear that happened
7 down that way.

8 But the issue is, it had that EIR that made it
9 the great possible [sic] that it is now. And now we're
10 doing a second EIR that is turning into making it so
11 that the Warriors can have the arena here, which is a
12 true gem for San Francisco.

13 It will complement the hospital, it will
14 complement everything there, and it will be a great
15 thing for San Francisco. So, I fully want to say I
16 support this project and I support the arena with all of
17 my existence.

18 Thanks, guys.

19 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Please come to the
20 podium: Sheryl Davis; Henry -- and I'll spell the last
21 name -- it's K-A-R-H-O-L-O-W-I-T-Z [sic]; Jim Lazarus;
22 Abe Evans, and Elizabeth Kirk.

23 ADAM GREENSTEIN: Good afternoon,
24 Commissioners. My name is Adam Greenstein, and I'm a
25 resident of San Francisco and business owner, and I'm

1 here to support the Warriors arena in Mission Bay.

2 I reviewed the plans, and what really stands
3 out to me is the steps that the architects have taken to
4 minimize the impact this project has on our environment.

5 They made a promise to offset 100 percent of
6 the arena's greenhouse gas emissions by paying to the
7 state's Carl Moyer program, which funds the upgrade of
8 vehicles such as dirty school buses, in terms of getting
9 clean, fuel-burning buses. This focus on climate-change
10 mitigation is the future of responsible building, and
11 I'm proud that the Golden State Warriors are leading the
12 way.

13 I'd also like to point out there were similar
14 concerns when the San Francisco Giants built their
15 stadium, but I've witnessed how that stadium has
16 revitalized the SOMA area. And as a future homeowner in
17 Mission Bay, because I plan to buy a place this year,
18 I'd like to see that same transformation happen in
19 Mission Bay.

20 Thank you very much for your time.

21 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

22 KEVIN CARROLL: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
23 My name is Kevin Carroll. I'm the executive director of
24 the Hotel Council of San Francisco.

25 I have the pleasure of working for an industry

1 that employs 24,000 people, the majority of whom live
2 and work in San Francisco. And I'm here to fully
3 support the Warriors arena in Mission Bay.

4 We do believe that by having the arena there,
5 we will continue to attract more events and other
6 activities to the City that will help not only those who
7 are participating in the events, but those who are
8 working in industries like the hotel industry that will
9 get extra hours and be able to work to be able to
10 support the events as well.

11 The public space that's part of it, I know, is
12 equivalent to the size of Union Square, and it's
13 something that's adding public space to the project.
14 And working with the project as well as it's done is
15 something that would be important to both us and to our
16 hotel guests as well.

17 Guests who stay at our hotels spend more money
18 outside our hotels as they do inside. So, if we can
19 attract more people to come in for the events that are
20 part of the arena, they'll spend more money, which will
21 benefit all those who not only work in the hotels, but
22 those who have businesses around them and many small
23 businesses that rely on the visitors as well.

24 So, again, I'm here to fully support the
25 arena, and I really thank you for your time today.

1 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

2 JIM LAZARUS: Good afternoon. Jim Lazarus,
3 San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

4 The Chamber of Commerce represents over 1,500
5 businesses of all sizes throughout the City, employing
6 over 200,000 people, including the City's hospitals,
7 including the Warriors, including many businesses in
8 Mission Bay.

9 If the issue is traffic congestion, it can be
10 managed. Hospitals throughout San Francisco are in
11 locations that deal with access issues every day.

12 How many of us have driven by Saint Mary's
13 Hospital on Fulton and Stanyan on an afternoon or when
14 JFK Drive is closed? Or C.P.M.C. building a new
15 hospital at Van Ness and Post? Or U.C.S.F. Parnassus,
16 which for decades was a neighbor of Kezar Stadium, with
17 70,000 people going to 49er games, college and high
18 school sports in that facility for decades before it was
19 reduced in size about 30 years ago?

20 I took a look at the March 1996 voter handbook
21 in San Francisco when the voters were asked to approve
22 the ballpark. Some unnamed group called San Franciscans
23 for Planning Priorities '96 had the ballot argument
24 against the ballpark.

25 They opposed Prop B because, Millions of

1 additional cars and no parking will drive jobs and
2 businesses out of China Basin, will create gridlock over
3 200 days a year. Well, we all know within weeks of that
4 ballpark opening in 2000 it was a gem on the waterfront
5 that is supported by San Franciscans throughout the
6 City.

7 The Draft EIR outlines a mitigation plan for
8 traffic and congestion management that will work for
9 U.C.S.F., it will work for the residents, and it will
10 work for the businesses in Mission Bay, and we urge this
11 Commission to support that EIR and to move this project
12 forward as quickly as possible.

13 Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

15 HENRY KARNILOWICZ: Good afternoon,
16 Commissioners. Henry Karnilowicz, and I am the
17 president of the Council of District Merchants, which
18 represents some -- over 2,000 businesses in the City.

19 I am in full support of the Warriors arena
20 project in San Francisco, knowing it will have a
21 positive impact not only on Mission Bay, but also on our
22 gem of a city. I want to thank the City for taking the
23 time and energy to create a world-class project that is
24 deserving of a world-class city.

25 Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in

1 today. I hope you will take my support to
2 consideration.

3 Thank you very much.

4 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

5 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Please come to the
6 podium: Matt Prieshoff, Drake [sic] Donaldson, Bruce
7 Agid, and Celestino Ellington.

8 ABE EVANS: Hi, Commissioners. My name is
9 Abe Evans. I'm a student here, and I live in
10 Potrero Hill, and I'm really excited about this stadium
11 and arena, because it's really bike-friendly, and I bike
12 everywhere in the City.

13 I love that it is in line with the City's Bike
14 Plan and the Transit-First policies.

15 I'm excited because it's going to add to the
16 Blue Greenway, and it will be great to have a lot more
17 of that bike path, especially somewhere where I can drop
18 off and grab a bite to eat at some of the retail that's
19 going to be open on the bike path.

20 Thank you so much for your time.

21 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

22 ELIZABETH KIRK: Hello, and thank you,
23 Commissioners. My name is Elizabeth Kirk. I'm also a
24 student here and a Warriors fan.

25 I've come today to fully support the Warriors'

1 plan to move to Mission Bay.

2 I'd like to express my support, mostly because
3 of some of the environmental plans that have been made
4 for this project. In reviewing those plans and by
5 looking at many of the renditions, I'm impressed with
6 the emphasis on landscaping and green space, as well as
7 the incorporation of the natural environment with the
8 site.

9 From trees and grass lawns and all of the
10 green rooftops that have been designed, I think that
11 this project will have a big impact on making our City
12 more green.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

15 SHERYL DAVIS: Hello, Commissioners. My name
16 is Sheryl Davis. I run a non-profit here in
17 San Francisco.

18 And, first and foremost, I just wanted to
19 thank you for the time and deliberation that you have
20 already taken into looking at the EIR, and then also to
21 express just gratitude for the way that the Warriors and
22 the City have worked together to address some of the
23 issues identified.

24 I know that we're talking about the
25 Environmental Impact Report, and I just wanted to say

1 that for us, for me, specifically, in working with young
2 people, really looking at the social impact and the
3 possibility and potential of what the Warriors have
4 already demonstrated as a great partnership, we actually
5 brought young people out here today to be able to see
6 the process.

7 They've been talking about the role of science
8 and technology and engineering and mathematics, and all
9 the different fields, and this has really afforded them
10 to be able to look deeper.

11 But also looking at sports as more than just
12 sports and the workforce development opportunities that
13 the Warriors have provided -- the community development,
14 the collaboration, the partnerships -- I think that
15 those are all things to be highlighted and supported.

16 They have been amazing community partners for
17 us, and I can only imagine how much more so that can
18 happen with them here in the City -- the opportunity to
19 actually visit the building and to see that it's more
20 than just a sports arena, but to also see the people
21 that are behind the scenes, even in things like this
22 today, to understand that the Warriors is an
23 organization and that there's a commitment for community
24 giving and support and giving back and being able to
25 learn that process.

1 So, I think, for me, it's much bigger than
2 just the idea of the team, but it's really about the
3 organization itself, and what they represent, and what
4 they're doing for community, and allowing young people
5 to be able to see that firsthand and see that happening
6 in the City for a team that, right now, is being
7 celebrated for the championship, but I think should be
8 celebrated for work that they've already done with the
9 community.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

12 BRUCE AGID: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
13 My name is Bruce Agid. I'm the transportation rep and a
14 board member of the South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay
15 Neighborhood Association. However, today, I'm speaking
16 on behalf of myself as a resident of Mission Bay.

17 I'm a supporter of the arena project and look
18 forward to the Warriors coming home to San Francisco.

19 My comments today are focused on the
20 transportation aspect of the EIR and the associated
21 mitigation plans.

22 A review of the Draft EIR clearly indicates a
23 detailed account regarding the traffic and transit
24 impacts on Mission Bay. There is no sugarcoating of the
25 assumptions, and all the impacts of the traffic and

1 traffic congestion appear to have been identified.

2 Those of us who live in the area understand
3 the congestion that exists today, can anticipate the
4 impacts of events at the arena, and the assumptions
5 outlined in the EIR seem to align with my intuitive
6 perspective on the subject.

7 With that said, I've attended public meetings
8 and have reviewed the mitigation measures outlined in
9 the Event Management Plan. Some of those included
10 transit improvements, supplemental service, a robust
11 Traffic Management Plan, and the bike and ped
12 improvements, again, just to name a few -- and have
13 confidence that with the appropriate event coordination,
14 resource availability, and effective implementation of
15 these mitigation measures, the traffic and transit
16 congestion can be managed effectively.

17 Thank you.

18 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Will the following
19 people please come to the podium: Michael Sesich, David
20 Siegel, Dennis MacKenzie, Jac Taliaferro, and
21 Christopher Hrones.

22 DRAKARI DONALDSON: Good afternoon,
23 Commissioners. My name is Drakari Donaldson.

24 I'm a student, I'm a bicycle advocate, and I'm
25 very impressed by how bike friendly this venue will be.

1 Furthermore, the project promises to bring new
2 bike lanes to Terry Francois Boulevard and 16th Street,
3 making it simple and easy to get in and out of the area.
4 By making the venue so accessible to bicyclists, they
5 are reducing carbon emissions in cars and traffic
6 congestion in the area as well.

7 Thank you for your time and consideration.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

9 CELESTINO ELLINGTON: Good afternoon,
10 Commission. My name is Celestino Ellington.

11 Not only am I a San Francisco resident, but
12 I'm also the sports and recreation director for the YMCA
13 of San Francisco Bayview-Hunters Point branch. And
14 we've been community partners with the Warriors. I
15 started the program in 2006, and I can remember being a
16 part of the Warriors ever since then. And they've been
17 more than just a sports team to me and the families of
18 our YMCA.

19 Through the years, we've been able to
20 experience the whole Warriors organization, from inside
21 out, outside of just the game of basketball. And,
22 believe me, those are opportunities that people dream to
23 be a part of, and they were in Oakland this whole time.

24 They've been amazing community partners who
25 have proven that they will work to address the needs and

1 challenges, and implement strategies that are best for
2 everybody. You know, the Warriors and the City have
3 worked hard to address the concerns and listening to
4 feedback and incorporating the community's suggestions
5 into their plans, and as a result, they've come up with
6 a project that fits very well in the Mission Bay
7 community, and the community and the whole City is
8 excited.

9 I'd just like to acknowledge my support on
10 record that I do support this project, and if we'd been
11 able to do this with a relationship across the Bay,
12 imagine how many more organizations that the Warriors
13 can affect right here in the City.

14 And I really do believe that the Warriors'
15 mission, outside of basketball, is community. We've
16 been a direct result and have been privileged to
17 experience those things, and we're looking forward to
18 those in the future as well.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

21 MICHAEL SESICH: Good afternoon. My name is
22 Michael Sesich. I'm a native San Franciscan. I've
23 lived in Mission Bay for the last three years.

24 I find the Warriors a good attraction to
25 San Francisco. I'm not opposed to the team moving back

1 to San Francisco or even a new arena in Oakland, but I
2 do have concerns about the placement of the new arena in
3 the Mission Bay neighborhood.

4 The proximity to the hospital, which the
5 nurses' association is pointing out, makes it difficult
6 to get to that location. And I know from living two
7 blocks away from the proposed site how bad the traffic
8 is now with just the AT&T traffic in that area.

9 One time, I was coming home with my wife in
10 the car, and the traffic was so bad on Third Street, I
11 got out and walked and got home before she did in the
12 car. And I think that a woman, pregnant and going to a
13 woman's hospital in Mission Bay, being stuck in
14 traffic -- the problems that can create.

15 So, I'm deeply concerned. I've voiced these
16 at local community meetings before.

17 And I must praise the organization of the
18 Warriors too. I think they've done a good job of
19 reaching out. But when I read the Environmental Report,
20 I came across terms like "provide adequate," "various
21 management strategies," "encourage," "should not,"
22 "commercially reasonable efforts." All that could be
23 sidestepped and not get what you want.

24 When the AT&T park went in, we were told that
25 people would take the train and people would take public

1 transportation, yet the parking lots of that park are
2 overflowing, and they're looking for new space now that
3 there's a building going in.

4 So, I'm very concerned about the project's
5 impact on the neighborhood parking and traffic, but not
6 opposed to the Warriors.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

9 DAVID SIEGEL: Good afternoon. David Siegel.
10 25-year resident of the Dogpatch and vice president of
11 the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association.

12 The D.N.A. is not opposed to the stadium.
13 However, the development will have direct and lasting
14 impact on our neighborhood, and of course, is of grave
15 concern to the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association and
16 residents of the community.

17 Our small, beleaguered neighborhood is being
18 severely impacted by the relentless encroachment of
19 U.C.S.F., housing developers, and now, Warriors.

20 Today, specifically, I want to direct my
21 remarks to the proposed parking lot at Crane Cove.
22 There are a number of issues that we're concerned about
23 regarding this parking lot location.

24 First of all, Illinois Street is the official
25 route for trucks and bikes as part of the Transportation

1 Plan of the City. This street would be the nearest
2 street to the proposed parking lot. The Port is also
3 planning on having a 19th Street extension serve as a
4 BAE heavy large-truck route, and Muni is also planing a
5 turnaround loop, as well, directly in that area.
6 Further, Crane Cove is a small patch of green space on
7 the waterfront that serves the community and needs to be
8 protected.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

11 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Joe Boss, Jennifer
12 Davis, Rudy Corpus, John Cornwell, and Silvia Johnson,
13 please make your way to the podium.

14 DENNIS MACKENZIE: Thank you, Commissioners.
15 I'm Dennis MacKenzie. I'm work in consulting and
16 education, and I teach in the San Francisco public high
17 schools, including at the Juvenile Hall.

18 I have made a proposal and shared with
19 everyone, requesting the Warriors and all the City
20 departments and leaders, including high school
21 classroom, put a golf program inside the arena.

22 At the last meeting on May 19th, I shared
23 with the Committee and the other leaders in the City and
24 the Warriors that one the things that I've been
25 asking -- and first of all, I am wholeheartedly in

1 support of this arena and believe all City family
2 leaders can get together and find solutions to this
3 traffic part.

4 I introduced the idea of the Warriors
5 collaborating with Juvenile Hall on what's referred to
6 as Log Haven Ranch, which has the opportunity -- they
7 have a small gymnasium. I just introduced that to the
8 Warriors and the City, that that is an opportunity for
9 this small gym to provide what I mentioned about
10 golf-course training programs in Philadelphia,
11 Pennsylvania -- I'd like to share this with you
12 (Indicating). But the history of using the sports
13 facilities can be a tremendous influence for kids at
14 risk and all students.

15 So, in the minutes, I just wanted that to be
16 corrected. I meant to say this earlier -- that there's
17 a statement that I -- I admit I was a Giant -- I mean,
18 the Warriors -- I had proposed to them -- have already
19 done tremendous work in this entire Bay Area promoting
20 education, and then the basketball and the community
21 foundation.

22 So, in the minutes, it states that I was
23 asking the Warriors to do something with the golf
24 course. That was the not my intent. It was to use this
25 golf-course training program as a model, which my

1 proposal in the classroom is a model to use for future
2 NBA professional or indoor arenas, which I believe is
3 very tremendously valuable for our country.

4 Thank you very much.

5 CHRISTOPHER HRONES: Good afternoon,
6 Commissioners, and thank you for the opportunity to
7 comment on this Draft SEIR.

8 I'm a new resident of San Francisco, who has
9 followed this project with interest. Prior to this
10 year, I lived in Brooklyn, New York, where I had the
11 opportunity to participate professionally in the
12 planning and public discussion of the Barclays Center
13 Arena and associated Atlantic Yards development. This
14 saw the relocation of the Nets basketball team from
15 New Jersey to Brooklyn.

16 Although there are obviously some differences
17 between that development and this proposal, there are
18 also some interesting parallels, namely the creation of
19 an 18,000-seat multi-use arena in an urban infill site
20 accessible by transit, but also, there are major
21 concerns in both cases initially expressed by some about
22 traffic and parking impacts. So, I have a number of
23 observations I think are relevant.

24 In the interest of time, I'm going to focus on
25 three things which seem to come up the most today, which

1 are traffic congestion, parking, and emergency vehicle
2 access.

3 As far as traffic congestion goes, the impact
4 feared by many of the Barclays Center site, for the most
5 part, did not materialize.

6 As a transportation professional involved in
7 the project from the government agency side, the biggest
8 story for me was that the fears of congestion greatly --
9 were greatly -- were exceeded by -- greatly exceeded the
10 actual impact, so that when the facility opened, traffic
11 congestion was more or less a nonstory.

12 This was due to a number of factors, but the
13 two most important were that transit utilization did not
14 meet the project goals, and that vehicle arrivals to the
15 arena were more spread out than projected.

16 In terms of parking, the main observation is
17 that off-street parking supply provided by the project,
18 combined with existing nearby off-street parking, far
19 exceeded demands. And so, parking availability was not
20 an issue there either.

21 And finally, for emergency vehicle access,
22 which has been raised as a potential concern here, this
23 was effectively accommodated in Brooklyn, where police
24 and fire stations are located immediately adjacent to
25 Barclays Center, and there are no significant issues

1 that I'm aware of.

2 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Your time is up.

3 CHRISTOPHER HRONES: Thank you.

4 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Sir, can you please
5 provide your name for the record?

6 CHRISTOPHER HRONES: Yes. My name is
7 Christopher Hrones.

8 JAC TALIAFERRO: Good afternoon, ladies and
9 gentlemen. My name is Jac Taliaferro, and I own La Hitz
10 Digital Media. I'm a San Francisco native, and I own a
11 business here.

12 The tradition of building stadiums here in
13 San Francisco is -- dates back to the first century --
14 or, two centuries ago, turn of the century. Robert
15 Taylor, who you may not know, in the Polo Fields, was a
16 gold medalist and also the world champion, and he was an
17 attraction for the Polo Fields when it was built at the
18 turn of the last century.

19 We know that tourism is the number one
20 industry, and that's fueled by entertainment. So, right
21 now we have one the best entertainers in the world,
22 Bobby Ware, back there. He's helping the fight to get
23 the Yoshi's back into our control.

24 But my main concern here is the business that
25 the Warriors are or are not doing with black-owned

1 businesses, which is different than non-profits.

2 I haven't seen one black business come up
3 here, except for myself, and I was born here. So, of
4 course, when the Warriors won, I was here. And it was a
5 great delight.

6 This time it was bittersweet, because before
7 the Warriors season started, I was told by a Warriors
8 staff person that he was going to keep my business,
9 which is connected to other black businesses, from doing
10 business with the Warriors. I honestly didn't like
11 that.

12 So, I wrote this article about that and got a
13 call from that person later, but the opportunity was
14 gone for us to start at the beginning of the season and
15 see them all the way through to the championship.

16 And I know this well because I'm in
17 entertainment. I've been with groups that's went from
18 obscurity to number one, winning Grammys, et cetera, et
19 cetera, and dealing with people who were there before us
20 to when, now, it is different.

21 So, my company has lost out on maybe from
22 \$700,000 to 1.5, an analyst said. This is a question of
23 "Black Lives Matter." "Black Lives Matter" is not about
24 crisis situation. It's about us flourishing, and we
25 need to flourish with the Warriors.

1 They're welcome to come here, but you know, if
2 there's an issue about planning, put them out at
3 Candlestick.

4 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Sir, your time is up.

5 JAC TALIAFERRO: Thank you.

6 This is -- this is the article that I wrote,
7 and I would love the Commission to see that
8 (Indicating).

9 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

10 JAC TALIAFERRO: You're welcome.

11 Thank you.

12 JOHN CORNWELL: Hello, Commissioners. My name
13 is John Cornwell, C-O-R-N-W-E-L-L.

14 I'm actually a third-generation San
15 Franciscan. I have two young kids who will hopefully be
16 long-term, fourth-generation residents. I've been a
17 resident in the area for 20 years.

18 And, you know, I worked -- was around when the
19 Giants negotiated with community impacts. The traffic
20 density was a lot different back then.

21 I respect the Warriors. They're a good
22 organization, but they're not this non-profit
23 organization that should be exempt from smart urban
24 planning; right?

25 If we had a bank headquarters that was going

1 to go in that spot with that traffic density as it now
2 exists, and you're going to have 20,000-some-odd
3 visitors, you would write that off immediately. That's
4 awful urban planning.

5 They're not a non-profit. They're a
6 multibillion-dollar asset and a very profitable
7 organization. And it does not make sense for a company
8 that is going to put that kind of burden on the
9 community and the region; right?

10 I only ask that you guys go out to that area
11 during commutes and see how bad the traffic is now. The
12 Third Street corridor already is saturated.

13 And, you know, this isn't about the surface
14 streets in the that area. That's bad enough. But
15 you're talking about the Bay Bridge. We all know that
16 the Bay Bridge rush hour starts at 2:30 and goes to
17 8:30. So, now are we ready to basically have there be
18 no non-rush hour, for the morning rush hour to run into
19 the afternoon rush hour?

20 Even if you have 80 percent traffic
21 utilization, already traffic is at a breaking point in
22 San Francisco. I think we all know that from everyday
23 experience. It's not smart urban planning.

24 These EIR statements about, There will be
25 adequate -- yeah, there may be transparency, but that

1 still doesn't change the fact that it is a huge impact,
2 and it's not a proper use. And you can do all the
3 mitigation you want, but there's not the ability to add
4 bandwidth and traffic capabilities around there. That's
5 common sense.

6 So, you can offset carbon utilization and all
7 the rest, but the bottom line is this is a really bad
8 regional project.

9 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

10 SILVIA JOHNSON: My name is Silvia Johnson and
11 (Unintelligible) a lot of people would be jealous of me
12 playing the guitar and be rich and famous right now.

13 I'm just (Unintelligible) you know, my
14 priorities were -- over there in the mountains they
15 don't have no (Unintelligible). You know, I think
16 that's where we should be putting places where you can
17 park. (Unintelligible) put the BART system to where it
18 can go to the stadium, and that way, we would have a lot
19 impact with our plans than when we go to see the
20 Warriors.

21 And I think there's more solutions to those
22 problems -- is that we need to agree with the Warriors,
23 which would eliminate a lot of these impacts. Maybe put
24 that in thought, that -- to build a BART over there
25 behind the mountains there. You see on this picture

1 right there.

2 And I think that this is one of our main
3 problems -- is that -- of course, jealousy is really bad
4 out there. And this is one of the reasons why I haven't
5 been able to build up my career with my guitar playing.
6 And I had already 18 guitars already stolen from me. I
7 went to Washington, D.C., played down there. They stole
8 that too.

9 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

10 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Will the following
11 people please come to the podium: John deCastro, John
12 Caine, Mr. Al Norman, Mr. Oscar James, Osha Meserve, and
13 Paul Osmundson.

14 JOE BOSS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. And
15 good to see you, Tiffany.

16 The -- I am not for or against the Warriors.
17 They're doing a fairly adequate job with their EIR, but
18 the thing is, what will happen with -- I live in
19 Dogpatch. I've been here for 32 years, worked here
20 since I was 16, so I hate to tell you how old I am. But
21 at the end of the day, if the City wants to get
22 something done, it just moves mountains.

23 They were trying to get a legacy here for
24 someone -- I can't remember who -- keeping the Warriors
25 in San Francisco, not on the pier, but it is in

1 San Francisco.

2 The Warriors actually are a very wonderful
3 team and I love to follow them, and I would love to have
4 them in the City.

5 We also have, right down the road, the Giants
6 and the Giants attempting to build a rather large
7 development. And being in Dogpatch and -- we've always
8 been up with what's going on, and helped the Port and
9 helped redevelopment in Mission Bay and so forth.

10 So, I just want to express the opinion that if
11 we really, as a community at San Francisco, wanted to
12 get something done, you would probably crack a whip and
13 have the Warriors have to work with the Giants all on
14 Lot A and B.

15 And, you know, maybe I'm whistling "Dixie,"
16 but you do not have a method of taking care of the
17 traffic. You can say MTA is going to take care of it.
18 MTA couldn't even, in a ten-year period, get a
19 turnaround movement planned and executed. Very, very
20 terrible.

21 Thank you.

22 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Sir, can you please
23 provide your name?

24 JOE BOSS: Joe Boss.

25 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Thank you.

1 RUDY CORPUS: How you doing, Commissioners?
2 My name is Rudy Corpus. I'm born and raised in
3 District 6, South of Market, currently live there.

4 I run a youth program, United Players Violence
5 Prevention Youth Program, with over a 150 kids run over
6 the summer.

7 I'm here just in support for the Warriors to
8 be here in our neighborhood and in San Francisco. It
9 would create an enormous amount of opportunity for our
10 people in the community.

11 South of Market, particularly while I've lived
12 in District 6, has probably the lowest income-paid
13 families in the whole city. I just -- you know, I just
14 want the opportunity -- it would be good for the
15 economy. It would be good for the community, and also,
16 I think it would be good for the City.

17 I know originally the Warriors was in
18 San Francisco back in the '70's. I think it was the
19 San Francisco Warriors. Then they moved to Oakland, and
20 that's why they called them "Golden State." And so,
21 this gets rightfully their right place where they
22 supposed to be, back here in San Francisco, the
23 San Francisco Warriors.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

1 AL NORMAN: Madam Chair, Madam Director,
2 Commissioners, Al Norman, Bayview Merchants Association,
3 and we're here in support of the EIR for the Warriors,
4 and we think it would be one big jewel of an anchor
5 tenant for all small businesses in and out of the area,
6 and we support it wholeheartedly and support the other
7 associations who are in favor of you passing this EIR so
8 we can go ahead and go to work and establish a
9 relationship that will benefit everyone economically
10 associated with this project.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

13 JOHN deCASTRO: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
14 John deCastro from -- past president of Potrero Boosters
15 Neighborhood Association back about 15 years ago. I'm a
16 37-year resident of Potrero Hill.

17 And my biggest concerns are, as I look at 6.2,
18 "significant unavoidable impacts, specifically
19 transportation and transit." Those are a mess today.

20 And I echo the other speaker that suggested
21 that you might want to come down there between 4:00 and
22 6:00 in the evening and take a look at that 280 and
23 Mariposa interchange -- Mariposa and Pennsylvania
24 Street, 16th and 7th Street. It is a disaster four
25 nights out of five, especially Thursday night. Every

1 time the Giants have a day game, the traffic starts
2 backing up at 2:00 -- 1:30 or two o'clock and never
3 quits.

4 We talk about a "Transportation Management
5 Plan" in 6.5. Where is it? I don't trust the City or
6 the MTA to come forward with a decent Transportation
7 Management Plan when my wife and I tried to go to a
8 Giants game on Sunday, and we waited -- we checked the
9 next Muni -- 58 minutes to the 10. My wife is disabled.
10 I had to call a taxi so we could make our ballgame.
11 That was the only way we could get there, because she
12 couldn't walk down to the T. It was way too far.

13 6.2 calls traffic "an unavoidable impact."
14 Today, without a game, the traffic is backed up every
15 night and almost every morning at the 280. I have
16 learned ways around the neighborhood and some way to do
17 that.

18 The transit doesn't work today. We need
19 better plans in that area if the Warriors are going to
20 come to Mission Bay.

21 I agree with the nurses. It is going to be a
22 serious problem. And you're trying to route traffic, I
23 believe, through the Minnesota Street area and through
24 the Dogpatch neighborhood, to get people -- emergency
25 vehicles to the hospital, or people that are in trouble

1 that need to get to the hospital. That is not an
2 acceptable alternative.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

5 OSCAR JAMES: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
6 My name is Oscar James. I'm a native resident of
7 Bayview-Hunters Point and a former Model Cities
8 Commissioner, which this area covered.

9 The area that you have today, you're talking
10 about doing development, we have a
11 Memorandum of Understanding. Whichever comes into this
12 area hires 50 percent community residents, 35 percent
13 contractors -- minority contractors as a whole.

14 But I want to just thank the Warriors for
15 doing what they have done. Prior to coming into our
16 community, they've hired peoples in our community, and
17 we hope and we really believe that they will hire
18 minority contractors, 50 percent out of Bayview-Hunters
19 Point, 100 percent citywide, following our
20 Memorandum of Understanding we wrote in 1970, which had
21 a grandfather clause in our community.

22 I support them 100 percent. I would like the
23 U.C., since the nurses are talking about all they're
24 talking about -- traffic and what have you -- is to come
25 up with some scholarships that they should have done

1 getting that free property -- for scholarships in our
2 community to train peoples in our community for nursing,
3 being doctors, and what have you. Do the same thing
4 that the Golden State Warriors are doing.

5 I was living and I was -- I once went to the
6 games at Kezar Pavilion when the Warriors were there a
7 long time ago, and I'm saying today welcome back to the
8 San Francisco Warriors, and I support this 100 percent.

9 Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

11 PAUL OSMUNDSON: Good afternoon, Chair
12 Rosales, Commissioners, Executive Director Bohee, Deputy
13 City Attorney Bryan. My name is Paul Osmundson.

14 I am a partner in the East Street Ventures
15 Restaurant, which is located at 295 Terry Francois
16 Boulevard, with John Caine, one of the previous
17 speakers.

18 I'm also the former Director of Planning and
19 Development for the Port of San Francisco. I've worked
20 with the San Francisco Giants and the Mayor's Office on
21 the AT&T ballpark and on the Transportation Plan.

22 I've reviewed the EIR, and I can tell you that
23 the -- when the City and MTA has made commitments to
24 manage the traffic to and from the waterfront, these
25 special-event venues, the Giants system works the way

1 they said it would -- the way the Giants said it would,
2 the way the City said it would. That system works. It
3 has worked day in and day out, all 81 home games and the
4 playoff games. It works.

5 The project is a perfect fit for this
6 neighborhood. Mission Bay was envisioned as a mixed-use
7 development project. The Port worked -- we worked on it
8 for many years in the late '80's and early '90's. It's
9 a mixed-use development project. It's not just a life
10 science center. So, this is use fits into the City's
11 plan for this area.

12 There's definitely going to be impacts that
13 have to be mitigated or can't be dealt with --
14 unavoidable impacts. That's always the situation.

15 This a great use for this location. I urge
16 you to approve the project, certify the EIR, and move
17 forward.

18 It's a great -- we're very lucky to have an
19 organization like the Golden State Warriors willing to
20 come to this City and invest in our City.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

23 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: I have Ms. Susan
24 Vaughan.

25 SUSAN VAUGHAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

1 My name is Susan Vaughan, and I am the current chair of
2 the San Francisco group of the Sierra Club.

3 We will be submitting more detailed comments
4 later. For now, I'm just going to be speaking for
5 myself.

6 I'm very concerned that a piece of State
7 legislation, AB 900, was extended purely for the reason
8 just to get this project -- and apparently one in
9 L.A. -- through the fast-track process so that there are
10 fewer hearings, maybe, for the public. And I'm very
11 concerned about that.

12 We don't know, additionally, in terms of the
13 greenhouse gas emissions. It's my understanding that
14 the project sponsors intend to purchase carbon offsets.
15 We don't know what those offsets are, and we need to see
16 that in the EIR.

17 To my knowledge, no greenhouse gas comparison
18 has been done between this proposed project and just
19 keeping the project in Oakland.

20 And on that line, I want to add that I think
21 that probably most of the people who work that venue in
22 Oakland right now work -- don't live in San Francisco.
23 So, I'm wondering about the impact to BART, and I'm
24 wondering about increased greenhouse gas emissions,
25 because employees might be taking the bridge across the

1 river -- or, not the river -- the Bay.

2 And I would add that I don't think a lot of
3 public transit enhancements are happening in this
4 project, and that really does need to happen. We're not
5 interested in seeing more parking. It's got to be --
6 we're really serious about dealing with climate change.
7 It's got to be public transportation.

8 Thank you.

9 OSHA MESERVE: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
10 My name is Osha Meserve and I represent the
11 Mission Bay Alliance.

12 The Alliance believes the proposed
13 entertainment center will not work for the site and does
14 not warrant the massive public investment planned by the
15 State.

16 In particular, we're concerned about the
17 compatibility of the center with the existing health and
18 research facilities in Mission Bay, and while health and
19 related biosciences was planned to expand under the
20 Mission Bay Redevelopment Plan, this project takes this
21 area in a completely new and incompatible direction.

22 In our review of the Draft EIR so far, we have
23 found that the traffic, parking, and associated health
24 impacts of the facility will be even more devastating
25 than disclosed in the EIR, and there's inadequate

1 mitigation.

2 The project is also being mis-advertised as
3 greenhouse gas neutral. Purchasing unverified assets
4 from a broker for 4,000 tons per year of carbon dioxide
5 is not mitigation and doesn't do anything to help the
6 localized air pollution that will become so much worse
7 under the gridlocked conditions.

8 With analysis scattered throughout the EIR and
9 other documents prepared over the course of 25 years,
10 the fast-tracking of this project's environmental review
11 process is precluding meaningful public participation.

12 And the document is not -- because it is not
13 thorough, in that people have said it's thorough, but
14 there are important issues that are relegated to these
15 other 1998 and 1990 documents that the public must also
16 review in order to understand the project. Land use,
17 geology, soils, recreation, and hazardous materials are
18 some of those topics.

19 For this reason, we have requested an
20 extension of the public review period to better match
21 the complexity of this project, and we look forward to
22 further informing the Commission to review this
23 important project.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

1 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Are there any others
2 that want to speak?

3 DAVID PAN: Yes. Hi. My name is David Pan,
4 and I'm here on behalf of a lot of people that really do
5 not have a voice.

6 I live in an SRO. I live on S.S.I. Disability
7 on 6th and Market Street right now. There are a lot of
8 people that are in hardship in this City. We all know
9 that. There is a very divisive line in the economics of
10 the wealthy and the poor.

11 I have a dream of working on creating a
12 non-profit that can create paid jobs for people coming
13 out of hardship. The idea is to open a café, eatery,
14 and meeting spaces, community spaces where people can
15 use for meet-up groups, conferences, study groups, and
16 have them adjoining a café so it's free, just buy some
17 food and some drinks.

18 Making it a non-profit would allow people to
19 have a reintegration into the workforce, would allow the
20 community a place to gather.

21 And the idea of doing something like this
22 would be hugely tremendous, because there aren't a lot
23 of 9- or 10,000-square-foot plates that are available to
24 be custom-built out in San Francisco. We all know the
25 retail spaces aren't available.

1 So, I'm working on trying to propose this with
2 the Warriors, and I've had some very good feedback from
3 members of the community, from Urban Solutions to
4 Cafe La Vie, to Hayes Valley Bakeworks, Delancey Street
5 Crossroads Café, some of the non-profits that have
6 succeeded on a business model similar to this, and
7 others.

8 I've spoken with Jane Kim, District
9 Supervisor, District 6. I'd like to say thank you very
10 much for your time.

11 I very much support the Warriors coming to
12 San Francisco. I think it would help a lot of people in
13 a lot of different ways.

14 Thank you.

15 I'd like to leave this with you, if I may
16 (Indicating).

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Yes.

18 EXECUTIVE ASST. GUERRA: Are there any others
19 that would like to speak?

20 (No response)

21 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: No.

22 Okay. Thank you, everyone, for giving us your
23 comments. This is not an action item, but the
24 Commissioners are allowed to also provide comment.

25 Do I have any comments from the Commissioners?

1 COMMISSIONER MONDEJAR: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: The only comment I'd
3 like to make is consistent with all the comments I have
4 made in the prior workshops regarding this project, and
5 it deals with two things: Primarily, the traffic
6 impacts and the neighborhood impacts, which are related.

7 And we've heard a lot of concerns, and I will
8 continue to read the document, but I want to make sure
9 that the comments here regarding those impacts and the
10 mitigation measures are kind of looked at in depth and
11 to the extent of exploring funding mechanisms or
12 recommended or suggested mechanisms, so that they don't
13 go into the document -- that the Commission be told of
14 potential funding mechanisms that we might be able to
15 recommend to ensure that those mitigations are
16 essentially guaranteed and those impacts are mitigated.

17 I think I can't say more on the record than
18 just a comment. This matter will return to the
19 Commission later this fall.

20 Should we repeat the opportunity for folks to
21 submit written comments?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OERTH: Thank you, Chair
23 Rosales. I'll just repeat that if people would like to
24 submit written comments, they can submit them via E-mail
25 to warriors@sfgov.org or they may address them to the

1 Planning Department. The address of the person to
2 contact at the Planning Department is on page 2-9 of the
3 SEIR.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: Thank you.

6 I think Commissioner Mondejar would like to
7 make a comment.

8 COMMISSIONER MONDEJAR: Sally, can you just
9 explain what the process is after you have -- after the
10 office has received further comment, and also the
11 process of all the public comments that we have received
12 this afternoon?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OERTH: Yes.

14 All of the comments provided today, as well as
15 all of the comments provided in writing, will be
16 gathered and responded to in a document called the
17 "Response to Comments," which will be brought back
18 before the Commission later this fall.

19 And so, we'll be reviewing those and working
20 with the various members of the team to provide the
21 responses, and look at any adjustments that need to be
22 made to the Draft SEIR as appropriate.

23 COMMISSIONER MONDEJAR: And all of these will
24 be made public?

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OERTH: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER MONDEJAR: So, I just wanted to
2 say that I hope that all of the comments will be taken
3 into consideration and carefully examined. I know I
4 have reviewed the documents that have been presented to
5 us as Commissioners.

6 And one other thing that just occurred to
7 me -- that the purchasing of carbon offsets is something
8 that was new to me this afternoon. That, I didn't get
9 out of -- I need a little bit more of an understanding
10 of that, but I'm sure that you could respond to that.

11 I don't know if you can respond now, since
12 we're not on a -- this is simply informational this
13 afternoon, but it's certainly something that I think we
14 should be communicating -- all of these issues and
15 concerns and the responses to these issues and
16 concerns -- to the public.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OERTH: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER MONDEJAR: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ROSALES: So, thank you, everyone.

20 With that, I think that closes this item. It
21 will be again before us later in the year.

22 (Whereupon, at 3:02 p.m., Agenda Item 5(b)
23 of the Special Meeting of the San Francisco
24 Commission on Community Investment and
25 Infrastructure was concluded.)

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