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Richardson Bay Regional Agency  
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Dear Richardson Bay Regional Agency,

The Spinnaker has been fortunate to operate a restaurant along the Sausalito waterfront for over 61 years. We have seen many things occur on the waterfront through the years – some with positive and other negative effects. The proposed mooring field would have detrimental and disastrous effects on not only our business but the Sausalito Waterfront and the Richardson Bay. The Spinnaker opposes the use of the mooring field proposal.

The proposed mooring plan does not take into account the waterfront business and residents that reside along the Sausalito Waterfront. My business is built along the waterfront on pilings that support the restaurant and banquet facility. These supports are susceptible to unnavigable boats that may break loose during rough tides and/or storms that may and will crash into the pilings and building causing significant damage and safety risks. We consistently see unnavigable boats that have washed up on our property, our Sausalito neighbors and Belvedere that are currently being illegally moored in the Richardson Bay. The boats that are currently being moored in the Richardson Bay do not have trash, sewage cleanout services and are not properly registered, insured nor navigable. The mooring plan does not address any these issues, nor enforcement and we see some significant negative effects to the Richardson Bay. The Bay has become a recreational area for kayaks, paddle boards and junior sailing (kids) programs. The above mentioned sewage pollution would be a major health hazard to kids and adults in the bay. We would hate to see the Mooring field cause harm to the Sausalito Waterfront and Richardson Bay where it becomes a health and public nuisance.

Sincerely,

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Partner  
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