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To: Malcolm, James <jmalcolm@marincounty.org> **Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT: Mooring Field Development

Dear RBRA Board of Directors,

My name is Nastassya Saad and I am a lifelong member of Sausalito and current Planning Commissioner for the City of Sausalito.

I am very concerned about the proposed mooring plans that are being presented. It seems to disproportionately place the entire burden on Sausalito, severely altering the waterfront, compromising the safety of our existing community in the bay, and putting those who choose to moor in the proposed locations at risk.

We have a single point of public entry to Sausalito from the Richardson bay at Turney street. This is often already filled with dinghies or small motor boats, as we *single-handedly* serve the entire anchor out community, leaving little to no room for others to arrive. Sausalito will not only bear the brunt of the location of the mooring, but also be liable for those trying to come ashore. Without adequate public access, those who do make the trek to come to shore are not guaranteed a safe place to tie up.

The locations are proposed in an area that is exposed to high winds and strong currents. To moor there would leave those who are using that area to live-aboard subject to volatile conditions. As I am sure we have all witnessed at one point, boats can easily drift away if not secured properly and this can cause a series of accidents in the bay, risking the welfare of the anchor out community, our environment, and those who are in the bay for any recreational use.

There is a noticeable absence of a mooring plan positioned towards Belvedere. We all need to share the responsibility and their exclusion seems unjust. An explanation as to why there is no plan that places any potential mooring towards Belvedere should be published for review. Stating that the agreement precludes the option of installing a mooring field closer to Belvedere without an explanation is not acceptable.

The vote should be delayed until there are more environmental and safety assessments and more proposals that make the mooring more equitable to the local towns that are on the Richardson bay. Leaving Sausalito out of this conversation to date does not make this feel like a real community based solution is trying to be achieved. Our input and concerns are valuable and I hope you take them into consideration.

Best regards, Nastassya Saad