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Ms. Laura Joss
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Re: Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project – Fort Baker Service

Dear Laura:

As you know, while working with the National Park Service (NPS) to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to resolve the environmental impacts to the City of Sausalito arising from ferry service at Fort Baker, we have simultaneously been reaching out to other stakeholders to ensure they have all of the information they need to understand the City of Sausalito's perspective and to facilitate negotiation of a mutually acceptable solution.

It has been especially important for us to explore all avenues of resolution because of the lack of progress in our talks with NPS. The City of Sausalito has made considerable concessions in its demands to mitigate the potentially significant environmental effects of the ferry project to Sausalito. We have narrowly tailored what began as six mitigation measures to three finely tuned requests that facilitate regional transportation. In response, we have not received anything of substance from NPS: the added recitals, while accurate, do not address the substantive environmental issues facing Sausalito.

I was therefore disappointed to learn that representatives of NPS had informed San Francisco's Port Commission and Board of Supervisors that NPS was making great progress in negotiations regarding the MOU. While our meetings have been cordial, Sausalito disagrees with that assessment.

We remain willing to negotiate in good faith with NPS in the hope that it will reconsider its position. However, at this point, and as suggested by Brian Aviles last week, we believe we may need to bring other people to the table (such as a representative of Jared Huffman's office) to move this process forward. In the meantime, we believe it is important to be candid with all interested parties about our lack of progress to date.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joan Cox

Cc: Congressman Jared Huffman
Executive Director Elaine Forbes
Supervisor Kate Sears
Chief of Planning Brian Aviles