



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

March 20, 2018

Christine Daniel, Assistant City Administrator
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 3rd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Assistant City Administrator Daniel:

At its meeting on March 19, 2018, the Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition discussed the impacts of campers on the Measure DD improvements at Lake Merritt. The Coalition adopted the following statement and directed that I transmit it to you.

Dear Assistant City Administrator Daniel,

Please honor Oakland citizens' public investment in Measure DD by making the parks at Lake Merritt and the Lake Merritt Channel strictly-enforced "no-camping zones".

The improvements at the Lake and Channel have gained widespread public attention, but their use is now threatened by public health problems, trash, public property damage, environmental harm, and bad behavior by the campers.

There are many other places in Oakland where camping can be tolerated with much less impact. Such places should be distant from water bodies and waterways, parks, and playgrounds.

There are now over 60 campers at Lake Merritt and the Channel. Please restore these parks to safe public use by enforcing a "no-camping" zone.

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

William Threlfall
Coalition Administrator

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