



Oakland Measure DD Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Community Coalition

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Request Of The Measure DD Community Coalition To Proceed With The "Expansion And Improvement Of Estuary Park," As Stipulated In The Measure DD Bond Of 2002

In March of this year, the Coalition learned that the developer of Brooklyn Basin had initiated action to obtain City approval for the construction of 80 to 90 residential units and associated constructions on "Parcel N," the parcel designated by the City and relevant agreements for the long-sought and planned expansion of Estuary Park.

After extensive inquiries and research by an Estuary Park Task Committee, the Coalition, on 15 July 2024, adopted the following resolution:

"POSITION STATEMENT" on ESTUARY PARK by the Measure DD Community Coalition

"It is the position of the Measure DD Community Coalition that the City should move forward with its established [Estuary Park Master Plan](#), and should reject emerging initiatives to convert any portion of the designated park site for private residential or commercial use -- which would also conflict with the Development Agreements for Brooklyn Basin.

We, the Measure DD Community Coalition, urge City policymakers and staff to reject any such privatization of legally defined public land. The Measure DD Coalition, various stakeholder groups, and the broader affected community will vigorously oppose administrative efforts to amend, rezone, or modify the density or land use designation of Parcel N.

Please also be informed of the Coalition's intent to diligently pursue the ultimate completion of Estuary Park, as presently designed -- a major project of the Measure DD Bond Proposition of 2002.

*The Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition
(Organizations of Attendees at the Coalition's July 15 meeting where the vote was unanimous)*

*Bike East Bay
Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt
East Bay Rowing Club
Essex Community Action Committee*

Lake Merritt Advocates
Lake Merritt Conservancy
Lake Merritt Institute
Lake Merritt Weed Warriors
Measure DD Community Coalition
Oakland Heritage Alliance
Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation
Portobello Residents Association
Rotary Nature Center Friends
Waterfront Action