

March 26, 2009

Mr. Dennis Bartels  
Executive Director  
Exploratorium  
3601 Lyon Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. Bartels,

The Board of Directors of RENEW SF commends your study and community outreach efforts, and strongly supports the Exploratorium's relocation to Piers 15/17 as proposed.

**WE SUPPORT:**

Greater prominence of this trail-blazing San Francisco institution on our waterfront, where children and visitors alike can learn of the unique resource of San Francisco Bay.

This rare proposal made by an institution capable of addressing the daunting pier rehabilitation costs necessary to recycle very large, old shed structures, and ensuring us of beneficial use of these piers for the next 50-100 years.

This proposal fulfills the efforts and plans dating back decades to bring visitors to our waterfront, to utilize the BART/MUNI Metro station, along with the highly successful "F" line trolleys, placed precisely to serve the Embarcadero without the need to construct large parking structures on prime waterfront sites.

The replacement of the existing Connector building at the end of Pier 15 with the Bridge Building is a very positive addition to the plan. The proposed building of concrete and glass will open up the view corridor and allow views of our beautiful Bay from the Embarcadero. We find the proposed design of this building not a violation of the historical structures nor intrusive since the building will be almost 800 feet from the Embarcadero. To the contrary, the Bridge Building will provide greater access to and appreciation for the Bay, adding to the maritime ambience slowly taking shape along the Embarcadero.

Thus we enthusiastically support the Exploratorium's relocation plan and believe that it is very much in keeping with the mission of the Port Commission, providing an attraction to bring all residents and visitors to the Northeast waterfront.

Sincerely,



Claudine Cheng  
Chair, RENEWSF

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