

September 23, 2005

City of Albany City Council

Subject: Long-range Planning for Albany Waterfront

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

The City of Albany's Waterfront Committee (Committee) members are writing to request that City Council start a community planning process to create a waterfront master plan funded by the City and independent of any development proposal. The Committee believes that carrying out a master plan process within the City of Albany will allow the community to take an active role in determining what the future of the waterfront will look like, and will also provide the means to clearly analyze and define appropriate zoning for the area.

Many local cities have taken the initiative to produce waterfront master plans including but not limited to Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Alameda, and Treasure Island. Given the high level of public interest in Albany's waterfront area, it seems appropriate that the City act similarly in order to ensure that proposed uses of the waterfront meet the needs of the community today and in the future.

Very truly yours,

Steve Granholm  
Waterfront Committee Chair