



January 12, 2026

Dear Chair Harrington and Task Force Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association (DNA), I am writing to thank the Commission Streamlining Taskforce for revisiting its recommendation regarding the Mission Bay Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee (MB TIF AC). We strongly urge the Taskforce to recommend the retention of the AC to ensure continued oversight, accountability, and neighborhood stability.

As the Taskforce reconsider its original stance, we wish to emphasize that the MB TIF AC is not a redundant administrative layer, but a vital community-negotiated safeguard. Our support for its retention is based on the following critical factors:

- **Honoring Community Agreements:** The MB TIF AC was the result of years of advocacy to ensure the Chase Center's presence did not overwhelm local infrastructure. The "lockbox" funding and the advisory group were central promises made to the community during the development process. Eliminating this committee would be seen as a retreat from those foundational commitments.
- **Managing Unprecedented Growth:** Between the upcoming Mission Bay Elementary School, new park parcels, affordable housing projects, and the success of the Valkyries, the density of this area is increasing rapidly. This growth, combined with Chase Center events scaling toward 200 per year, requires the specialized, granular oversight that only this AC provides.
- **Fiscal Oversight During Shortfalls:** With the MB TIF facing its first budget shortfall in FY25-26, expert monitoring is more important than ever. The AC provides the necessary "checks and balances" to ensure that transportation and safety metrics (such as auto mode share) are met, protecting the quality of life for residents in Mission Bay, Dogpatch, and Potrero Hill.
- **High Value, Low Cost:** The nominal cost of maintaining this committee is a negligible investment compared to the massive scale of the TIF budget and the potential costs of unmitigated traffic and safety issues in the district.

The Dogpatch Neighborhood Association stands with Supervisor Dorsey's office and our neighbors in Mission Bay in requesting that you maintain this essential body. We appreciate the Taskforce's willingness to listen to the community's concerns and look forward to a recommendation that preserves this vital link between the City and its residents. I am also attaching our original letter of support.

Sincerely,

Michael Berkowitz

Michael Berkowitz, President
Dogpatch Neighborhood Association
On behalf of the Executive Committee



September 16, 2025

Chair Harrington and Task Force Members Bruss, Hayward, Kittler, and Mihal,

The Executive Committee of the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association urges the Streamlining Taskforce to recommend the retention of the Mission Bay Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (MB TIF AC). Our reasons are as follows:

1. **Community-Driven Origins:** The MB TIF AC emerged from over two years of community advocacy, initially at the Pier 30-32 CAC (the proposed site for the Warriors arena). This advocacy aimed to establish formal, legislative mechanisms for impact mitigation, informed by 15+ years of City services provided for events at Oracle Park. The focus was on securing funding, defining metrics, and ensuring accountability for transportation, safety, and cleanliness. While the Warriors Arena was not built at Piers 30-32, these efforts were successfully integrated into the development agreement for the Chase Center (Mission Bay Blocks 29-32) and the legislation that created the lockbox and this advisory committee.
2. **Fulfillment of Development Promises:** The development agreement with the Warriors hinged on two key promises: a portion of event proceeds allocated to a lockbox, and the formation of a community-based advisory group. This group was tasked with defining, monitoring, and recalibrating the metrics used to assess the City's performance. The City and MB TIF AC successfully established and implemented this framework, securing funds, developing budgets, setting service levels, and putting metrics and accountability in place (with ongoing refinement). However, not all metrics are currently being met, with "auto mode share" being a particular concern due to its widespread impacts.
3. **Significant Growth in Mission Bay and Surrounding Areas:** Mission Bay is experiencing substantial growth. Four new park parcels are opening within the next three years, and the Mission Bay Elementary School and Linked Learning Hub are scheduled to open next year, alongside two new affordable housing projects. These developments, outlined in the 1998 Mission Bay Redevelopment Plan, predate the Warriors' move to Mission Bay. This growth will likely increase demand for transportation, security, and cleanliness services, exacerbating existing funding shortfalls and raising questions about how these increased needs will be met. Surrounding neighborhoods, including Mission Rock, Dogpatch, and Potrero Hill, are also undergoing similar growth.
4. **Increasing Chase Center Events:** The number of projected events at Chase Center continues to rise. Events are growing from approximately 70 to 110-140, with further expansion to about 200 events anticipated.
5. **Strained MB TIF Budget:** The MB TIF is currently under significant strain and will face increased challenges due to projected growth. In FY25-26, the MB TIF will experience its first budget shortfall, primarily due to the augmented services required to support the growing number of events at the Chase Center. It is crucial that the AC and City Agencies refine budget forecasting models, meticulously monitor expenditures and



services, and track relevant metrics.

6. **Preserving Quality of Life is Paramount:** The Chase Center enriches Greater Mission Bay, and we appreciate the City's efforts to boost events as part of the "San Francisco is Back" initiative. However, this vibrancy has always been contingent on preserving the quality of life for our residents and businesses, a goal we have successfully achieved together. Therefore, this is not the time to compromise a vital checks and balances system to save a mere \$80,000 annually.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will recommend retaining the MB TIF AC.

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