

Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

September 20, 2021

To the members of the Oakland Planning Commission Design Review Committee:

This is to report that those in attendance at the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition discussed the proposed "Brooklyn Basin Marina Expansion Project" and adopted the following position statement:

The Measure DD Coalition opposes expansion of marina facilities beyond the original approvals at the Brooklyn Basin:

The approved Brooklyn Basin Project is edged at the waterfront by public parks, including Township Commons Park and South Park. Any plan to wrap new marinas around these public parks at their waterfront edge would create a wall of private commercial infrastructure between the parks and open water and would constitute an impediment to public use and enjoyment of the parks and their open water views.

By contrast, the current, approved project plan places the marina away from the parks and within Clinton Basin – the site of much of the Brooklyn Basin project's retail land use. The approved plan does not compromise public park use by commercial development and is therefore preferred.

Transmitted on behalf of the Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition,

William Threlfall Acting Administrator