



January 18, 2022

Mayor and City Councilmembers  
City of Alameda  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Subject: Encinal Terminals Project- -Item 7-A on City Council's January 18, 2022 agenda.**

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Councilmembers:

Although not directly related to historic properties, approval of the Encinal Terminals project is important to Alameda historic preservation, since the project will provide 589 housing units that can be credited toward Alameda's 5353 unit Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). If the project is not approved, the City will be forced to identify other sites for the 589 units, which will put further pressure on upzoning existing residential neighborhoods and historic portions of commercial districts, which could promote architecturally intrusive new development in historic areas.

**Although it appears that there are still some significant issues to be worked out concerning the project, the Alameda Architecture Preservation Society (AAPS) urges the City Council to approve the Encinal Terminals project.** It is our expectation that the remaining issues can be addressed through the subsequent actions outlined in the Master Plan, Agreements and other project documents, including: the creation and adoption of the assessment districts, review of the subdivision maps and the review of the final waterfront and building designs. All of these subsequent actions will require public hearings and ultimately, Planning Board and/or City Council review and approval at a future date. Related to the building design approvals, we hope that the architecture will have a traditional look. If the City Council wishes to require any changes to the proposal that cannot be addressed through subsequent required approvals, the Council could do so through conditions of approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (510) 523-0411 or [cbuckleyAICP@att.net](mailto:cbuckleyAICP@att.net) if you would like to discuss these comments.

Sincerely,

Christopher Buckley, Chair  
Preservation Action Committee  
Alameda Architectural Preservation Society

cc: Andrew Thomas and Allen Tai, Planning, Building, and Transportation Department (by electronic transmission)  
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AAPS Board and Preservation Action Committee (by electronic transmission)