

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** April 5, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Agenda Review Committee  
**Subject:** Approval of Letter of Support for Endorsement of Measure AA, a Bay Area Parcel Tax Related to Bay Restoration  
**Recommendation:** That the City Council Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Letter of Support  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted: \_\_\_(YES) \_\_\_(NO) XX(N/A)  
Net General Fund Cost: N/A  
If Cost to Other Fund(s):

**INTRODUCTION:**

This item is to request the City Council Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Letter of Support for Endorsement of Measure AA, a Bay Area Parcel Tax Related to Bay Restoration.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA)/Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) has requested that the City consider endorsement of Measure AA, a Bay Area Parcel Tax related to Bay Restoration.

**DISCUSSION:**

As stated in the SCTA/RCPA Staff Report of March 14<sup>th</sup> the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) voted to place the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, and Habitat Restoration Program, known as the "Clean and Healthy Bay Ballot Measure," on the June 2016 ballot in all nine Bay Area counties. The measure would raise \$500 million over 20 years to fund Bay restoration and flood protection projects.

The measure seeks to improve the San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife, while strengthening the economy and preparation for climate change. Through an annual levy of \$12 per parcel for 20 years, Measure AA proposes to restore thousands of acres of tidal marsh in order to:

- Reduce trash, pollution and harmful toxins in the Bay;
- Improve water quality;
- Restore habitat for fish, birds and wildlife;
- Protect communities from floods; and
- Increase shoreline public access.

Projects would be prioritized based on their positive impact on the San Francisco Bay as a whole, with provisions to ensure that projects would be funded in each of the Bay Area's nine counties. Half of the funds would be allocated geographically among the North Bay, the East Bay, the South Bay, and the West Bay proportional to the size of their populations, and the remainder would be allocated without regard to county. Proceeds would be used solely for supporting the programs and priorities set forth in the measure and would be spent exclusively for projects in the nine counties comprising the authority, with

administrative expenditures limited to no more than 5% of the measure's revenue. An Independent Citizens Oversight Committee shall also be appointed to oversee and report annually on the Authority's conformance with the Measure.

The measure commits \$45M of parcel tax receipts over 20 years to the North Bay counties of Sonoma, Marin, Napa and Solano. Sonoma County, with almost half of the North Bay's population and a large number of eligible projects already in progress, could also compete well for the regionally administered funds.

The Restoration Authority has proposed this \$12 parcel tax/year tax for 20 years for the June 2016 ballot.

The SCTA/RCPA at their meeting of March 14, 2016, has endorsed this ballot measure.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to request the City Council Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Letter of Support for Endorsement of Measure AA, a Bay Area Parcel Tax Related to Bay Restoration.

**Attachments:**

San Francisco Bay Area Restoration Authority Informational Sheet  
Ballot Summary  
Letter of Support for Endorsement of Measure AA



# The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Safe, Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, Habitat Restoration, Flood Protection and Shoreline Access for the San Francisco Bay

## Protecting and Restoring the San Francisco Bay

San Francisco Bay is a part of all our lives – whether we live along the Bay; work there; walk, jog, or visit parks along its shores; or simply appreciate it as we drive over a bridge. Over the last century, we have had a massive impact on the Bay with landfill and toxic pollution. If we want our children and grandchildren to inherit a clean and healthy San Francisco Bay – one that will be part of their lives the way it is part of ours – we need to act now to clean up and restore it.

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority was created in 2008 to lead this effort to restore wildlife habitat, reduce pollution, protect shoreline communities from flooding, and increase trails and public access to San Francisco Bay. This work will help protect the Bay's wildlife, provide recreational opportunities, and keep shoreline communities safe.

## Benefits of Bay Restoration

### **Safe, Clean Water and Pollution Prevention**

- Improve water quality by reducing pollution and removing trash
- Restore wetlands that provide natural filters and remove pollution
- Restore creeks where they flow into the Bay

### **Fish, Bird and Wildlife Habitat**

- Enhance shoreline parks, open space preserves and other public lands for expanded habitat
- Protect, restore and maintain wetlands to benefit wildlife including shorebirds, waterfowl and fish

### **Natural Flood Protection**

- Provide nature-based flood protection through wetland and habitat restoration
- Build and improve levees that are a necessary part of wetland restoration activities

### **Shoreline Public Access and Recreation**

- Construct new, repair existing and/or replace deteriorating public access trails and signs
- Provide environmental education about the health of the Bay



## Next Steps

The Restoration Authority has proposed a \$12/parcel/year tax for the June 2016 ballot that will generate \$500 million for projects to restore thousands of acres of tidal marsh, making the Bay and its shoreline healthier for fish, birds, and other wildlife. The measure will appear on the ballot in all nine Bay Area counties.

For more information contact Amy Hutzal at [ahutzal@scc.ca.gov](mailto:ahutzal@scc.ca.gov) or go to [sfbayrestore.org](http://sfbayrestore.org).

**BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY: San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Program.**

To protect San Francisco Bay for future generations by reducing trash, pollution and harmful toxins, improving water quality, restoring habitat for fish, birds and wildlife, protecting communities from floods, and increasing shoreline public access, shall the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority authorize a parcel tax of \$12 per year, raising approximately \$25 million annually for twenty years with independent citizen oversight, audits, and all funds staying local?

**THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CLEAN WATER, POLLUTION PREVENTION AND HABITAT RESTORATION MEASURE**

The people of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority do ordain as follows:

**Section 1. Findings and Purpose.**

Over the last century, landfill and toxic pollution have had a massive impact on San Francisco Bay (sometimes referred to herein as the “Bay”). It is not too late to reverse this impact and restore the Bay for future generations. To meet that objective, in 2008, state law established the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (the “Authority”), to raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitats in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline.

The purpose of the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (the “Measure”) is to protect and restore San Francisco Bay to benefit future generations by reducing trash, pollution, and harmful toxins, improving water quality, restoring habitat for fish, birds, and wildlife, protecting communities from flood and increasing shoreline public access and recreational areas.

**Section 2. Funding of San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Expenditure Plan.**

Subject to voter approval, the Authority hereby establishes a special parcel tax (the “Special Tax”) the proceeds of which shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting the programs and priorities and other purposes set forth in this Measure. The Special Tax shall be levied at a rate of twelve dollars (\$12) per parcel within the jurisdiction of the Authority, which consists of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma and the City and County of San Francisco (such nine counties, collectively, the “San Francisco Bay Area”). The Special Tax shall be levied annually for a total of twenty (20) years, commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2037.

The Special Tax shall be levied on each parcel of taxable property within the San Francisco Bay Area, and shall be collected by the tax collectors of each county (including the City and County of San Francisco) in the San Francisco Bay Area (the “Tax Collectors”) at the same time as, and along with, and will be subject to the same penalties as general, *ad valorem* taxes collected by

the Tax Collectors. The Special Tax and any penalty shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid. Any Special Tax levied shall become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible as herein provided. The Special Tax shall appear as a separate item on the tax bill.

All property that is otherwise exempt from *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the Special Tax in such year. The Authority shall adopt procedures that set forth any clarifications and exemptions to address unique circumstances and any procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction or recomputation of the Special Tax.

### **Section 3. San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Expenditure Plan.**

The revenues from the Special Tax set forth in Section 2 above shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting programs and priorities and purposes set forth in this Measure, including the following:

#### **A. Program Descriptions**

Under this Measure, the Authority may fund projects along the Bay shorelines within the Authority's jurisdiction, which consists of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma and the City and County of San Francisco. The shorelines include the shorelines of San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, and most of the Northern Contra Costa County Shoreline to the edge of the Delta Primary Zone. These projects shall advance the following programs:

##### **1. Safe, Clean Water and Pollution Prevention Program**

The purpose of this program to be funded under the Measure is to remove pollution, trash and harmful toxins from the Bay in order to provide clean water for fish, birds, wildlife, and people.

- a. Improve water quality by reducing pollution and engaging in restoration activities, protecting public health and making fish and wildlife healthier.
- b. Reduce pollution levels through shoreline cleanup and trash removal from the Bay.
- c. Restore wetlands that provide natural filters and remove pollution from the Bay's water.
- d. Clean and enhance creek outlets where they flow into the Bay.

##### **2. Vital Fish, Bird and Wildlife Habitat Program**

The purpose of this program to be funded under the Measure is to significantly improve wildlife habitat that will support and increase vital populations of fish, birds, and other wildlife in and around the Bay.

- a. Enhance the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, shoreline parks and open space preserves, and other protected lands in and around the Bay, providing expanded and improved habitat for fish, birds and mammals.
- b. Protect and restore wetlands and other Bay and shoreline habitats to benefit wildlife, including shorebirds, waterfowl and fish.
- c. Provide for stewardship, maintenance and monitoring of habitat restoration projects in and around the Bay, to ensure their ongoing benefits to wildlife and people.

### **3. Integrated Flood Protection Program**

The purpose of this program to be funded under the Measure is to use natural habitats to protect communities along the Bay's shoreline from the risks of severe coastal flooding caused by storms and high water levels.

- a. Provide nature-based flood protection through wetland and habitat restoration along the Bay's edge and at creek outlets that flow to the Bay.
- b. Build and/or improve flood protection levees that are a necessary part of wetland restoration activities, to protect existing shoreline communities, agriculture, and infrastructure.

### **4. Shoreline Public Access Program**

The purpose of this program to be funded under the Measure is to enhance the quality of life of Bay Area residents, including those with disabilities, through safer and improved public access, as part of and compatible with wildlife habitat restoration projects in and around the Bay.

- a. Construct new, repair existing and/or replace deteriorating public access trails, signs, and related facilities along the shoreline and manage these public access facilities.
- b. Provide interpretive materials and special outreach events about pollution prevention, wildlife habitat, public access, and flood protection, to protect the Bay's health and encourage community engagement.

## **B. Additional Allocation Criteria and Community Benefits**

1. The Authority shall ensure that the Measure's revenue is spent in the most efficient and effective manner, consistent with the public interest and in compliance with existing law. The Authority shall give priority to projects that:
  - a. Have the greatest positive impact on the Bay as a whole, in terms of clean water, wildlife habitat and beneficial use to Bay Area residents.
  - b. Have the greatest long-term impact on the Bay, to benefit future generations.
  - c. Provide for geographic distribution across the region and ensure that there are projects funded in each of the nine counties in the San Francisco Bay Area over the life of the Measure.
  - d. Increase impact value by leveraging state and federal resources and public/private partnerships.
  - e. Benefit economically disadvantaged communities.
  - f. Benefit the region's economy, including local workforce development, employment opportunities for Bay Area residents, and nature-based flood protection for critical infrastructure and existing shoreline communities.
  - g. Work with local organizations and businesses to engage youth and young adults and assist them in gaining skills related to natural resource protection.
  - h. Incorporate monitoring, maintenance and stewardship to develop the most efficient and effective strategies for restoration and achievement of intended benefits.
  - i. Meet the selection criteria of the Coastal Conservancy's San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program and are consistent with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's coastal management program and with the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture's implementation strategy.

2. The Authority shall ensure that 50% of the total net revenue generated during the 20-year term of the Special Tax is allocated to the four Bay Area regions, defined as the North Bay (Sonoma, Marin, Napa and Solano Counties), East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties), West Bay (City and County of San Francisco and San Mateo County) and South Bay (Santa Clara County) in proportion to each region's share of the Bay Area's population, as determined in the 2010 census, and consistent with the priorities set forth in this section. As a result, each region will receive the following minimum percentage of total net revenue generated during the 20-year term of the Special Tax: North Bay: 9%, East Bay: 18%, West Bay: 11%, South Bay: 12%. The remaining revenue shall be allocated consistent with all other provisions of this Measure.
3. The Authority shall conduct one or more public meetings annually to gain public input on selection of projects under this Measure. All actions, including decisions about selecting projects for funding, will be made by the Authority in public meetings with advance notice and with meeting materials made available in advance to the public.
4. The Authority may accumulate revenue over multiple years so that sufficient funding is available for larger and long-term projects. All interest income shall be used solely to support programs and priorities set forth in this Measure.
5. No Special Tax proceeds shall be used for campaign advocacy.
6. No more than 5% of the Special Tax proceeds generated in any given fiscal year may be used by the Authority for general government purposes in such fiscal year, including to administer the projects funded under this Measure. Any unused funds may be carried over for use in subsequent fiscal years.
7. The Authority shall have the right, power and authority to pledge Special Tax proceeds to the payment of bonds of the Authority or another public agency (including, but not limited to, a joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.)), and use Special Tax proceeds to pay debt service on such bonds and the costs of issuance related thereto.

### **C. Accountability and Oversight**

In order to ensure accountability, transparency and public oversight of funds collected and allocated under this Measure and comply with State law, all of the following shall apply:

1. The specific purpose of the Special Tax shall be to support only programs and priorities and other purposes listed in this Measure. The Special Tax proceeds shall be applied only for specific purposes of this Measure and shall be spent only in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this Measure.
2. A separate account shall be created by the Authority into which all Special Tax proceeds must be deposited. The Authority shall commission an independent annual

audit of all revenues deposited in, and all expenditures made from, the separate account and publish annual financial statements.

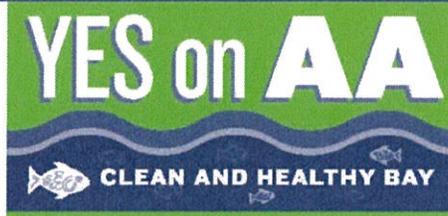
3. All Special Tax revenue, except as set forth in Section 3.B.6 above, shall be spent on projects for the benefit of the San Francisco Bay Area, and shall not be taken by the State.
4. The Authority shall prepare annual written reports showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from Special Tax proceeds and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the Special Tax, as identified above. The report shall comply with Government Code section 50075.3, be posted on the Authority's website, and be submitted to the Bay Restoration Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Government Code section 66703.7 (the "Advisory Committee"), for review and comment.
5. The Advisory Committee shall provide advice to the Authority on all aspects of its activities under this Measure to ensure maximum benefit, value, and transparency. Advisory Committee meetings will be announced in advance and will be open to the public. The responsibilities of the Advisory Committee shall include, but shall not be limited to: (a) advising the Authority about implementation of this Measure; and (b) making recommendations regarding expenditure priorities under this Measure.
6. The Authority shall appoint six members of the public to an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee that shall: (a) annually review the Authority's conformance with the Measure; (b) review the Authority's audits and expenditure and financial reports; and (c) publish an annual report of its findings, which shall be posted on the Authority's website. The six members shall include residents of the North Bay, East Bay, West Bay, and South Bay, as defined in Government Code 66703(a), who are experts in water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to the Bay, or financing of these objectives. No person may serve on the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee who (a) is an elected official or government employee, or (b) has had or could have a financial interest in decisions of the Authority as defined by Government Code section 87103 and the Fair Political Practices Commission.

#### **Section 4. Establishment of Appropriation Limit.**

Pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution and section 66704.05(b)(2) of the Government Code, the appropriation limit of the Authority shall be set by the total revenues actually received by the Authority from the proceeds of the Special Tax levied in fiscal year 2017-18, as adjusted each fiscal year thereafter for the estimated change in the cost of living, population and number of parcels on which the Special Tax is levied (such estimate to be determined by the Governing Body of the Authority and be conclusive for all purposes after made). The appropriation limit may be further adjusted by any other changes that may be permitted or required by Article XIII-B of the California Constitution.

**Section 5. Amendments and Severability.**

- A. The Governing Board of the Authority shall be empowered to amend this Measure by majority vote of its members to further the purposes of this Measure, to conform the provisions of this Measure to applicable State law, to modify the methods of levy and collection of the Special Tax, or to assign the duties of public officials under this Measure.
- B. If any part of this Measure is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Measure and the voters declare that they would have passed the remainder of this Measure as if such invalid portion were not included.



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## Measure AA Public Endorsements

*Honorary Co-Chairs: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Bob Fisher*

### REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE

#### **Elected Officials:**

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom  
Fiona Ma, Member, State Board of Equalization

#### **Business Groups:**

Bay Area Council  
Bay Planning Coalition  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
San Francisco Giants  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

#### **Environmental Organizations:**

Aquarium of the Bay  
Audubon California  
The Bay Institute  
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Ducks Unlimited  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Golden Gate Audubon Society  
Greenbelt Alliance  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
The Nature Conservancy  
Regional Parks Association  
San Francisco Bay Joint Venture  
San Francisco Baykeeper  
Save The Bay  
Sierra Club  
Trust for Public Land

#### **Community Organizations & Civic Groups:**

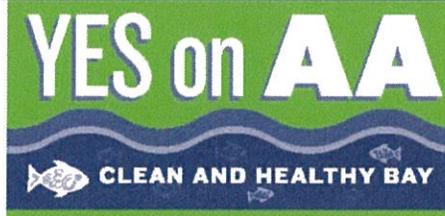
California Alliance for Jobs  
League of Women Voters of the Bay Area  
SPUR

#### **Newspapers:**

*Contra Costa Times*  
*Oakland Tribune*  
*San Jose Mercury News*  
*Santa Rosa Press Democrat*

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY

### **U.S. Congress:**

Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15)

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Loni Hancock (SD 09)

Sen. Bob Wieckowski (SD 10)

Sen. President Pro Tempore Don Perata, Ret.

Asm. Tony Thurmond (AD 15)

Asm. Rob Bonta (AD 18)

Asm. Bill Quirk (AD 20)

### **Mayors:**

Hon. Libby Schaaf, City of Oakland

Hon. Tom Bates, City of Berkeley

Hon. Peter Maass, City of Albany

### **County Supervisors:**

Alameda County Board of Supervisors

Sup. Wilma Chan (District 3)

### **Public Agencies & Associations:**

Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency

### **Environmental Organizations:**

Citizens for East Shore Parks

Friends of the San Leandro Creek

League of Conservation Voters of the East Bay

### **Political Party Organizations:**

Alameda County Democratic Party

### **Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Vinnie Bacon, Fremont City Councilmember

John Coleman, Board Member, East Bay

Municipal Utility District\*

Cisco DeVries, CEO, Renew Financial\*

Kate Gordon, Climate and Clean Energy Advocate

Abel Guillén, Oakland City Councilmember

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Rebecca Saltzman, Board Member, BART\*

John Sutter, Board Member, East Bay Regional

Park District\*

R. Zachary Wasserman, Chair, San Francisco Bay

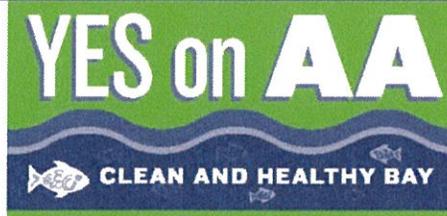
Conservation and Development Commission\*

Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember

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## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### **U.S. Congress:**

Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11)  
Rep. George Miller, Ret.

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Steve Glazer (SD 07)  
Sen. Loni Hancock (SD 09)

### **Mayors:**

Hon. Greg Lyman, City of El Cerrito

### **County Supervisors:**

Sup. John Gioia (District 1)

### **Environmental Organizations:**

League of Conservation Voters of the East Bay  
Mount Diablo Audubon Society

### **Political Party Organizations:**

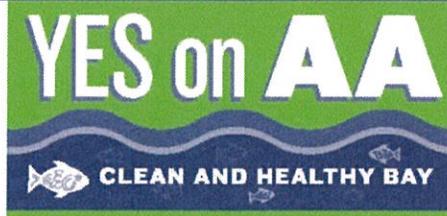
Contra Costa County Democratic Party

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## MARIN COUNTY

### **U.S. Congress:**

Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-02)

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Mike McGuire (SD 02)

### **County Supervisors:**

Marin County Board of Supervisors

Sup. Damon Connolly (District 1)

Sup. Katie Rice (District 2)

Sup. Kathrin Sears (District 3)

Sup. Steve Kinsey (District 4)

Sup. Judy Arnold (District 5)

### **Business Groups:**

North Bay Leadership Council

### **Environmental Organizations:**

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed

Marin Conservation League

### **Political Party Organizations:**

Marin Democratic Party

### **Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Robert Berner, Former Executive Director, Marin Agricultural Land Trust

Robert Bundy, Member, Corte Madera Flood Control Board\*

Mark Dowie, Host and Executive Producer, Talking Point Radio\*

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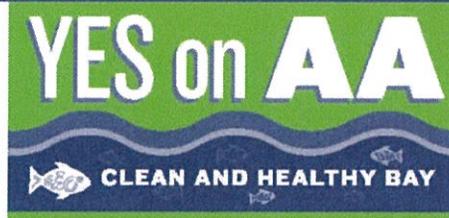
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## NAPA & SOLANO COUNTIES

### NAPA COUNTY

**Legislature:**

Asm. Bill Dodd (AD 04)

**Mayors:**

Hon. Leon Garcia, City of American Canyon

**County Supervisors:**

Sup. Brad Wagenknecht (District 1)

Sup. Alfredo Pedroza (District 4)

Sup. Keith Caldwell (District 5)

**Business Groups:**

North Bay Leadership Council

**Environmental Organizations:**

Friends of the Napa River

**Community Organizations & Civic Groups:**

Napa County Bicycle Coalition

**Political Party Organizations:**

Napa County Democratic Party

**Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Lissa Gibbs, Sacatar Foundation\*

Nathan Hansford, Labor Representative, SEIU  
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Mark Joseph, American Canyon City  
Councilmember

Walter Perlic, President, FastSigns\*

Belia Ramos, American Canyon City  
Councilmember

Mark Van Gorder, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.\*

### SOLANO COUNTY

**Legislature:**

Asm. Bill Dodd (AD 04)

**Mayors:**

Hon. Elizabeth Patterson, City of Benicia

**County Supervisors:**

Sup. Erin Hannigan (District 1)

Sup. Linda Seifert (District 2)

**Business Groups:**

North Bay Leadership Council

**Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Riita De Anda, Trustee, Travis Unified School  
District\*

David Drumlin, President, United Democrats of  
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Claude Grillo, Suisun Land Owner

Denis Honeychurch, Board Member, Solano  
Community College\*

Judi Honeychurch, Trustee, Fairfield-Suisun  
School District\*

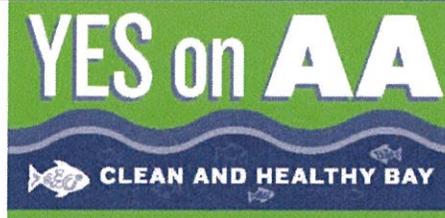
Paula McConnell, United Democrats of Southern  
Solano County\*

Lori Wilson, Suisun City Mayor Pro Tem

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## SAN FRANCISCO CITY & COUNTY

### **U.S. Congress:**

Rep. Jackie Speier (CA-14)

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Mark Leno (SD 11)

Asm. David Chiu (AD 17)

Asm. Philip Ting (AD 19)

### **Mayors:**

Hon. Edwin Lee, City of San Francisco

Hon. Art Agnos, City of San Francisco, Ret.

Hon. Willie L. Brown, Jr., City of San Francisco, Ret.

### **County Supervisors:**

Sup. Eric Mar (District 1)

Sup. Aaron Peskin (District 3)

Sup. London Breed (District 5)

Sup. Jane Kim (District 6)

Sup. Scott Wiener (District 8)

Sup. David Campos (District 9)

Sup. John Avalos (District 11)

### **Business Groups:**

Bay Area Council

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

### **Environmental Organizations:**

San Francisco League of Conservation Voters

San Francisco Parks Alliance

### **Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Andy Ball, Suffolk Construction\*

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Conservation and Development Commission\*

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## SAN MATEO COUNTY

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Rep. Jackie Speier (CA-14)  
Rep. Pete McCloskey, Ret.

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Mark Leno (SD 11)  
Sen. Jerry Hill (SD 13)  
Asm. Philip Ting (AD 19)  
Asm. Kevin Mullin (AD 22)

### **Mayors:**

Hon. Mark Addiego, City of South San Francisco  
Hon. Richard Cline, City of Menlo Park  
Hon. Joe Goethals, City of San Mateo  
Hon. Cameron Johnson, City of San Carlos  
Hon. Cliff Lentz, City of Brisbane  
Hon. John Seybert, City of Redwood City

### **County Supervisors:**

Sup. Dave Pine (District 1)  
Sup. Carole Groom (District 2)  
Sup. Don Horsley (District 3)  
Sup. Warren Slocum (District 4)  
Sup. Adrienne Tissier (District 5)

### **Business Groups:**

Joint Venture Silicon Valley  
San Mateo Co. Economic Development  
Association  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

### **Environmental Organizations:**

Acterra  
Committee for Green Foothills

### **Foundations:**

San Mateo County Parks Foundation  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation

### **Political Party Organizations:**

North Peninsula Democratic Club  
San Mateo County Democratic Party

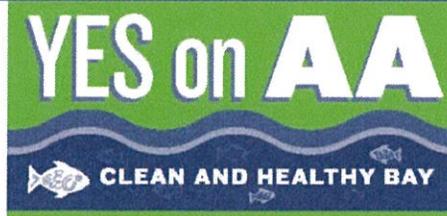
### **Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Allan Alifano, Former Half Moon Bay City  
Councilmember  
Rick Bonilla, San Mateo City Councilmember  
Sabrina Brennan, Member, San Mateo County  
Harbor Commission\*  
Joseph Cotchett, Former Chair, California State  
Parks Commission  
Nicole David, Marine Biologist and Former  
Member, San Mateo Co. Harbor Commission  
Carole Dorshkind, San Mateo County Democratic  
Central Committee  
Ashleigh Evans, San Mateo County Democratic  
Central Committee\*  
Jason Galisatus, Former Member, San Mateo  
County LGBTQ Commission  
Cecily Harris, Board Member, Midpeninsula  
Regional Open Space District\*  
Joshua Hugg, City of San Mateo Sustainability  
Commission\*  
Davina Hurt, Belmont City Councilmember  
Doug Kim, Belmont City Councilmember  
Clayton Koo, Board Member, Jefferson  
Elementary School District\*

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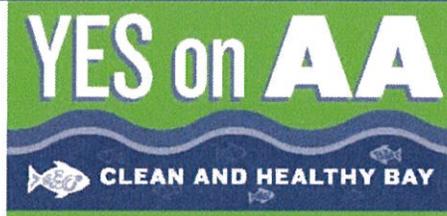
### Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders (Cont.):

Wayne Lee, Millbrae City Councilmember  
Ted Lempert, Children Now\*  
David Lim, Deputy Mayor, City of San Mateo  
Shelly Masur, Redwood City Councilmember  
Farmer John Muller, Half Moon Bay City  
Councilmember  
Pamela O'Leary, City of San Mateo Planning  
Commission\*  
Diane Papan, San Mateo City Councilmember  
Kirk Riemer, Board Member, Cabrillo Unified  
School District\*

Cliff Robbins, City of San Mateo Public Works  
Commission\*  
Joe Ross, Trustee, San Mateo Co. Board of  
Education\*  
Kalimah Salahuddin, Trustee, Jefferson Union High  
School District\*  
Ann Schneider, Millbrae City Councilwoman  
Charles Stone, Belmont City Vice Mayor  
Robert Tashjian, Trustee, Belmont-Redwood  
Shores School District\*

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## SANTA CLARA COUNTY

### **U.S. Congress:**

Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA-18)  
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)  
Rep. Pete McCloskey, Ret.

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Bob Wieckowski (SD 10)  
Sen. Jerry Hill (SD 13)  
Sen. Jim Beall (SD 15)  
Asm. Kansen Chu (AD 25)  
Asm. Evan Low (AD 28)  
Asm. Mark Stone (AD 29)

### **Mayors:**

Hon. Sam Liccardo, City of San Jose  
Hon. Jason Baker, City of Campbell  
Hon. Pat Burt, City of Palo Alto  
Hon. E. Manny Cappello, City of Saratoga  
Hon. Jose Esteves, City of Milpitas  
Hon. Jim Griffith, City of Sunnyvale  
Hon. Pat Showalter, City of Mountain View

### **County Supervisors:**

Sup. Cindy Chavez (District 2)  
Sup. Dave Cortese (District 3)  
Sup. Ken Yeager (District 4)  
Sup. Joseph Simitian (District 5)

### **Public Agencies & Associations:**

Cities Association of Santa Clara County

### **Business Groups:**

Joint Venture Silicon Valley  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

### **Environmental Organizations:**

Acterra  
Committee for Green Foothills  
Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters

### **Foundations:**

San Jose Parks Foundation  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation

### **Political Party Organizations:**

Santa Clara County Democratic Party  
Silicon Valley Asian Pacific Democratic Club

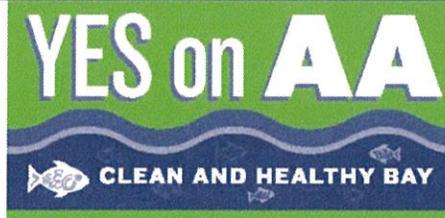
### **Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Marc Berman, Palo Alto City Councilmember  
Frank Biehl, Vice President, East Side High  
School District Board of Trustees\*  
Jeannie Bruins, Los Altos Town Councilmember  
Dominic Caserta, Santa Clara City  
Councilmember  
David Cohen, Trustee, Berryessa Union School  
District\*  
Rod Diridon, Sr., Former Santa Clara County  
Supervisor  
Adrienne Grey, Board Member, West Valley-Mission  
Community College\*  
Esau Herrera, Trustee, Alum Rock School District\*  
Wendy Ho, Trustee, San Jose Evergreen  
Community College\*  
Charles "Chappie" Jones, San Jose City  
Councilmember

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## SANTA CLARA COUNTY (Cont.)

### Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders (Cont.):

Alex Kennett, Director, Santa Clara County  
Open Space Authority\*

Yoriko Kishimoto, President, Midpeninsula  
Regional Open Space District Board of  
Directors\*

Patricia Krackov, Lighthouse Philanthropy  
Advisors\*

Gustav Larsson, Sunnyvale City Councilmember

Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Gilroy City Councilmember

Joseph Macaluso, Santa Clara Co. Superior  
Court\*

Tara Martin Milius, Sunnyvale City Councilmember

Rob Rennie, Los Gatos City Councilmember

Greg Scharff, Palo Alto City Councilmember

Eric and Wendy Schmidt, Santa Clara County

Pete Siemens, Board Member, Midpeninsula  
Regional Open Space District\*

Omar Torres, Trustee, Franklin-McKinley School  
District\*

Ellen Wheeler, Trustee, Mountain View Whisman  
School District\*

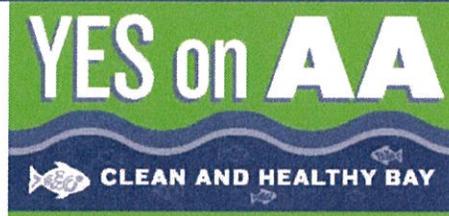
Cory Wolbach, Palo Alto City Councilmember

Gilbert Wong, Cupertino City Councilmember

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## SONOMA COUNTY

### **U.S. Congress:**

Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-02)

### **Legislature:**

Sen. Mike McGuire (SD 02)

Asm. Bill Dodd (AD 04)

### **Mayors:**

Hon. David Glass, City of Petaluma

Hon. Mark Millan, Town of Windsor

### **County Supervisors:**

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Sup. Susan Gorin (District 1)

Sup. Shirlee Zane (District 3)

Sup. James Gore (District 4)

Sup. Efren Carrillo (District 5)

### **Public Agencies & Associations:**

Regional Climate Protection Authority

Sonoma County Transportation Authority

### **Business Groups:**

North Bay Leadership Council

### **Environmental Groups:**

Paula Lane Action Network

Sonoma County Conservation Action

Sonoma Ecology Center

Sonoma Land Trust

### **Community Organizations & Civic Groups:**

Jack London Park Partners

### **Political Party Organizations:**

Sonoma County Democratic Party

### **Local Elected Officials & Community Leaders:**

Teresa Barrett, Petaluma City Councilmember

Ralph Benson, Former Executive Director,  
Sonoma Land Trust

Julie Combs, Santa Rosa City Councilmember

Pat and Ted Eliot, Sonoma County

Debora Fudge, Windsor Town Vice Mayor

Kathy Miller, Petaluma City Councilmember

Bruce Okrepkie, Windsor Town Councilmember

Ernesto Olivares, Santa Rosa City Councilmember

Harry and Dee Richardson, Sonoma County

Jean Schulz, Sonoma County

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## Yes on Measure AA for the Bay

It should go without saying that there would be no Bay Area without the San Francisco Bay. But the nine Bay Area counties have had a spotty history when it comes to recognizing the value of this precious natural resource.

Consider that by the 1960s, nearly 90 percent of the wetlands that had once surrounded San Francisco Bay were gone. Thanks in large part to the environmental awakening that occurred shortly after that, the filling-in of the Bay came to a halt and thousands of wetlands have since been preserved. But it has been slow-going. The tidal marsh area, which once totaled nearly 200,000 acres, is only at about 44,000 acres today.

Bay Area voters will soon have an opportunity to accelerate these efforts in a significant way. Measure AA on the June 7 ballot calls for approval of a \$12-per-parcel annual tax for enhancing wetlands and wildlife habitat, for the expansion of public access and recreational opportunities and for the protection of public infrastructure — from highways to wastewater treatment plants to schools — from the threat of rising sea levels.

The tax would raise \$500 million over 20 years. Half would be distributed to each Bay Area county based on population. The other half would be available through competitive grants, But the North Bay stands to benefit significantly as restoration projects have already been identified and public-private partnerships are in place to make them happen.

The kind of work involved was on display in October when crews broke through a 140-year-old levee at Sears Point, allowing saltwater to reclaim more than 1,000 acres at the southern tip of Sonoma County, land that had been used for hayfields. Another 35,000 acres of land has been acquired around the Bay Area, the largest estuary on the West Coast. But money is needed for restoration of those lands.

Officials from the Sonoma County Water Agency say the North Bay stands to receive at least \$45 million, which would be used to leverage state and federal dollars for restoration projects along Sonoma Creek, the Petaluma River and in San Pablo Bay.

Tax funds also will be used to help protect infrastructure threatened by rising sea levels. According to the National Academy of Sciences, Bay water levels are expected to rise by at least two feet by 2050 and as much as five feet by 2100. Studies by the Bay Area Council have found that such a rise would put an estimated 1,780 miles of roads and highways and 89 schools and health care facilities at risk of flooding. Flooding also would occur at the Oakland and San Francisco airports. Restoring wetlands would help provide protection from these storm surges.

The tax would be administered by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, which was created by state law in 2008 to restore wetlands in the Bay and along the shoreline.

As David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay, said, “The sooner we start, the sooner they can provide benefits.” But it won’t be easy. The tax requires a two-thirds majority vote of residents in the nine Bay Area counties. It’s an ambitious goal. Yet, it’s a modest sum — \$1 a month — for the cumulative benefit involved. Other regions — such as the Puget Sound area, Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes areas — receive significantly more federal dollars than the Bay Area for habitat and water protection. Measure AA would, once and for all, provide a stable revenue source that would allow Bay Area residents to ensure we get our share of those dollars while protecting this natural resource that binds us all.

We encourage a yes vote on Measure AA on June 7.