

Exhibit 3: Project Letters



*Making San Francisco Bay Better*

November 27, 2012

Deborah Hirst, Project Manager  
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SUBJECT: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for Copra Crane Restoration and  
Islais Creek Pile/Wharf Removal

Dear Ms. Hirst:

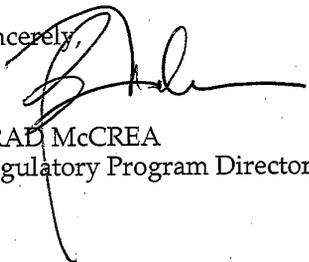
This letter is to communicate the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's support for the Port of San Francisco's Grant application for the above referenced project.

Restoration of the Copra Crane is a project that has the support of a wide range of stakeholders including residents and workers within the Bayview Hunters Point community, labor historians, historic preservationist open space advocates and art lovers. It is a community landmark and future labor history landmark.

Removal of the dilapidated wharf has multiple project benefits including removal of creosote treated lumber that may cause water contamination, removal of bay fill, eliminating visual blight and navigational hazards, removing areas currently used for illicit activities and tie ups that tend to pollute the creek and maybe most significantly opening up views of the creek from the soon to be open SF MTA shoreline improvements. Lastly, if awarded, this grant will help improve the vision of the City's Blue Greenway project and the many benefits it brings to the area.

We are pleased to support the grant application for this effort. It fulfills the intention of the mitigation funds that were set aside for improved public access to and along the shoreline of the San Francisco Bay.

Sincerely,



BRAD McCREA  
Regulatory Program Director

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cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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Copra Crane Labor Landmark Association  
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Oct. 29, 2012

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**Re: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for Copra Crane Restoration and  
Islais Creek Pile Removal**

Dear Ms. Hirst,

This letter is to communicate my support for the Port of San Francisco's Grant application for the above referenced project.

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Since its founding in 1995, the Copra Crane Labor Landmark Association (CCLLA) has had as its mission the restoration and preservation of the crane as a community educational and recreational resource that will benefit all of the citizens of San Francisco. Over the years, the CCLLA has worked closely with a diverse group of San Francisco individuals and their organizations, including Robin Chiang and Julia Viera of the Friends of Islais Creek and Professor Archie Green of the Fund for Labor Culture and History. We have also profited from the work and aid of numerous regional trade union and environmental groups. If the Copra Crane Restoration and Islais Creek Pile Removal Grant is awarded to the Port of San Francisco, then, this will clearly facilitate the completion of our mission to the great benefit of our organization, its constituents and supporters, and indeed everyone in the city.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 775-0533 or (510) 652-3116. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Watson  
Secretary-Treasurer

cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

**FRIENDS OF ISLAIS CREEK**  
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San Francisco  
94108

26 October 2012

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State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for  
Copra Crane Restoration and Islais Creek Pile Removal**

Dear Ms. Hirst,

This letter is to communicate the 100% support of the FRIENDS OF ISLAIS CREEK (FOIC) for the Port of San Francisco's Grant Application for the above referenced project.

Restoration of the Copra Crane is a project that has the support of a wide range of stakeholders including residents and workers within the Bayview Hunters Point community, labor historians, historic preservationists, environmentalists, open space advocates and art lovers. It is a community landmark, future labor history landmark and integral with the identification of Islais Creek.

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20 years ago, the Coastal Conservancy helped the FOIC with grants that brought industrial art (collected from the area and elevated from the status of scrap) to a Port open space on Islais Creek's south shore that attracted many residents as well as new visitors to the water's edge. It also introduced to the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood a new friend, Coastal Conservancy project manager David Hayes.

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The visual focus of Islais Creek has always been the Copra Crane. The recycled and purpose-made artifacts around the Creek, including SF MTA's new steel sculpture of the outline of a Liberty ship on the north shore, are, both physically and historically, satellites in relation to the vertically prominent, eccentric looking and authentically historic Copra Crane. The Copra Crane is as essential to the appreciation of Islais Creek as the tower of the Ferry Building is to the identity of Market Street.

As the last surviving example of hand operated equipment in the Port it is appropriate as a legacy of maritime labor. Since San Francisco's industrial zoning was enacted a decade ago, the Copra Crane has acquired even greater relevance. The restored Copra Crane will stand in the midst of different and new industries, many of them employing precision instruments instead of heavy equipment, but still reliant on new generations of labor. Islais Creek without the Copra Crane is a pleasant waterway. With the Copra Crane the Creek will draw visitors who can behold the resonance between artifacts—extant, found and created; catch a glimpse of local history—from the Crane forward and backward; take a break in the calm center of an important city's industrial district. The Copra Crane is essential.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [rchiang@designbythebay.com](mailto:rchiang@designbythebay.com) and 415 995 4755.

Sincerely,  
FRIENDS OF ISLAIS CREEK



Robin Chiang  
Volunteer Executive Director

cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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October 29, 2012

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**Re: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for Copra Crane Restoration and Islais Creek Pile Removal**

Dear Ms. Hirst

This letter is to communicate Bay Access Inc. support for the Port of San Francisco's Grant application for the above referenced project. Restoration of the Copra Crane is a project that has the support of a wide range of stakeholders including residents and workers within the Bayview Hunters Point community, labor historians, historic preservationist open space advocates and art lovers. It is a community landmark and future labor history landmark. Removal of the dilapidated wharf has multiple project benefits including removal of creosote treated lumber that may cause water contamination, removal of bay fill, eliminating visual blight and navigational hazards, removing areas currently used for illicit activities and tie ups that tend to pollute the creek and maybe most significantly opening up views of the creek from the soon to be open SF MTA shoreline improvements. Lastly, if awarded, this grant will help improve the vision of the City's Blue Greenway project and the many benefits it brings to the area.

Bay Access supports the removal of the many toxic pilings so as to allow swimmers and sculls to use this body of water. The Port of San Francisco, in partnership with Kayaks Unlimited Inc., has opened this area up to kayak use and storage. In its present condition, scullers can't use this area because the semi-submerged pilings can't be negotiated. Swimmers don't even consider this wonderful, protected body of water for the same reasons.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 415.334-4077

Sincerely,

Bo Barnes Board Member Bay Access Inc.

cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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**Re: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for Copra Crane Restoration and  
Islais Creek Pile Removal**

Dear Ms. Hirst

This letter is to communicate Kayaks Unlimited Inc. support for the Port of San Francisco's Grant application for the above referenced project.

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Kayaks Unlimited, in partnership with the Port of San Francisco, acts as a steward of Islais Creek park. Kayaks Unlimited through its' all volunteer membership is responsible for much of the maintenance and upkeep of the park including removing trash, mulching the park grounds, and other basic gardening. Our community-based membership strongly supports the efforts to remove the dilapidated wharf. From a park upkeep standpoint we believe that removal of the pilings will improve the views and overall visual quality that park users enjoy. Many of our members kayak, swim, or operate small craft in the channel and we believe it is important to remove the pilings as possible sources of pollution and as a possible safety hazard.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 415.816.5766

Sincerely,

Jay Oshiro  
President Kayaks Unlimited Inc.

cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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Harvey Schwartz  
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Oct. 29, 2012

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Dear Ms. Hirst:

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I have been a board member of the Copra Crane Labor Landmark Association (CCLLA) since 1996. Over time I have seen great progress toward the preservation of the Copra Crane as a labor landmark and the resuscitation of the Islais Creek area as a community resource for recreation and education. The continuation of this work through the awarding of a State Coastal Conservancy grant to the Port of San Francisco will clearly be to the great benefit of the CCLLA and its labor and conservation organization supporters. But it will also aid the entire south waterfront community and, for that matter, the whole of San Francisco because of the extensive environmental, recreational, visual, and educational enhancement it will encourage.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (510) 233-1863. Thank you for your attention to my letter.

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Sincerely yours,

Harvey Schwartz, Ph.D.

Oral Historian, Labor Archives and Research Center  
San Francisco State University

Curator, International Longshore and Warehouse Union  
Oral History Collection, ILWU Library, San Francisco

cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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Fund for Labor Culture & History  
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October 29, 2012

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### **Re: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for Copra Crane Restoration and Islais Creek Pile Removal**

Dear Ms. Hirst,

This letter is to communicate the *Fund for Labor Culture & History's* support for the Port of San Francisco's Grant application for the above referenced project.

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While achieving the *Fund of Labor Culture & History's* comprehensive purpose of labor education, and the education of the general public, our collective focus includes the restoration of the Islais Creek Copra Crane labor landmark located at the Port of San Francisco's Pier 84. The restoration of this industrial landmark benefits our organization's goals by recognizing and honoring the workers who have handled bulk cargo on the San Francisco waterfront. This project also compliments two completed Islais Creek projects; the nearby Islais Landing on the South side of the Creek and Tulare Park just East of Third Street at the Islais Creek Bridge.

Thank you for considering the Port's application for grant funding. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 650-728-9256 or e-mail: [drkgreen@pacbell.net](mailto:drkgreen@pacbell.net)

Sincerely yours,

Derek Green  
Secretary-Treasurer

cc. David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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LOCAL UNION NUMBER 34  
**PILE DRIVERS**  
DIVERS, CARPENTERS, BRIDGE, WHARF & DOCK BUILDERS

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October 25, 2012

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Re: Port of San Francisco Grant Application for Copra Crane Restoration and Islais Creek Pile Removal

Dear Ms. Hirst:

This letter is to communicate Pile Drivers Local Union No. 34's support for the Port of San Francisco's Grant application for the above referenced project.

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Contractor members and rank and file members of Pile Drivers Local Union No. 34 stand ready to volunteer materials and labor to assist in the restoration of the Copra Crane.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 510-635-4227.

Sincerely,

Pat Karinen  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer  
Pile Drivers Local Union No. 34

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cc: David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

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