



September 29, 2022

TO: Members of the Planning Commission
FROM: Elaine Forbes, Port Executive Director
SUBJECT: Support for 2022 Safety & Resilience Element Update
General Plan Amendment, 2018-004217GPA

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to express support for the Safety and Resilience Element update to the General Plan. The 2022 Safety & Resilience Element Update will provide a comprehensive set of policies for minimizing San Francisco's contribution to the climate crisis and ensuring local resilience to multiple hazards. It will help protect the people and assets of San Francisco, especially areas and communities that face higher vulnerability to disasters. This work will strengthen the General Plan's support of climate resilience, environmental justice, and racial & social equity.

The Safety and Resilience Element update supports the Port's equity, resilience, and sustainability work, embedded in the Port's Strategic Plan, Racial Equity Action Plan, and Waterfront Resilience Program. The Port supports the update's focus on multi-hazard climate resilience, its multi-benefit perspective, and its focus on equity and environmental justice. Specifically, the update supports Port-led work on climate adaptation and preservation of the waterfront, life safety and disaster response, and interagency collaboration on complex resilience challenges.

The Port is a proud member of the City's ClimateSF work and Sea Level Rise and Flood Hazard Coordinating Committee. The 2022 Safety and Resilience Element update provides crucial policy guidance and backing to help the City deliver its safety, resilience, and equity initiatives.

The Port greatly supports the Planning Commission approving the adoption of the 2022 Safety & Resilience Element Update.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elaine Forbes", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

Elaine Forbes
Port Executive Director