CITY OF OAKLAND

September 24, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom

Governor, State of California

State Capitol, First Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1191 (Bonta) State Lands Commission: exchange of trust lands: City of Oakland: Howard Terminal property: Oakland Waterfront Sports and Mixed-Use Project, Waterfront Access, Environmental Justice, and Revitalization Act

Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Oakland, I write to respectfully request your signature on AB 1191. This bill enacts the Oakland Waterfront Sports and Mixed-Use Project, Waterfront Access, Environmental Justice, and Revitalization Act which authorizes the State Lands Commission (SLC) to approve an exchange at the Howard Terminal Property and approve a Ballpark and Public Lands Development (Development) on the final trust lands.

The Oakland A's have called the City of Oakland its home for the last fifty years. With the impending loss of the Raiders to Las Vegas and the Golden State Warriors to San Francisco, it's critically important to the city and the entire East Bay region to retain a professional sports team. AB 1191 will have Howard Terminal as the proposed site to build a new, privately financed, state of the art ballpark that will bring thousands of jobs while providing a significant economic boost to the region.

AB 1191, in enacted, is estimated to generate $3.05 billion of economic impact for the residents and businesses of the City of Oakland over the first ten years of operation. This bill will prove to be a spark of inspiration, and community development for the City, the Bay Area, and the State of California as a whole.

Again, we thank you for your consideration of Assembly Bill 1191 and respectfully request your signature on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf

Mayor of Oakland