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To Whom It May Concern:

The Housing Action Coalition (HAC) is proud to endorse the Oakland A's proposed project for Howard Terminal. After an extensive presentation from the project team, our Project Review Committee determined the proposal would help address our region's severe housing shortage and resulting affordability and displacement crisis through the creation of thousands of well-designed, transit-oriented new homes.

The Oakland A's proposal for up to 3,000 new homes, 1.5 million square feet of office space, 270,000 square feet of retail, 400 hotel rooms, a 3,500 seat performance venue, and 18 acres of public open space would repurpose the site into critically-needed housing and services for current and future residents.

This type of placemaking would vastly improve the land use of the site. The space, which is currently used as short-term truck parking and temporary container storage for Port operations, would be transformed into new homes, businesses, and opportunities for recreation. Both MTC and ABAG have made this site a priority, indicating that it is the ideal location for new homes and a new community.

This project also presents an opportunity to support environmental sustainability. With cars accounting for approximately 25% of California's carbon emissions, encouraging alternative and more environmentally-friendly modes of transportation is essential to help our region meet its climate goals. The Howard Terminal project is within .25 miles of the 72 and 12 AC Transit lines, within a mile of three BART stations (West Oakland, 19th Street, and Lake Merritt), and directly adjacent to the San Francisco Bay Ferry. There is also a proposed "Mobility Hub" which would act as a home base for up to three rerouted AC Transit lines and provide micro-mobility options, bike share facilities, and transit information for visitors. These options will encourage residents to get out of their cars and use alternative transit options.

To that end, HAC recommends that the project further minimize parking onsite. Parking drives up housing costs, promotes car usage, increases congestion, and lessens the advantages of the project's proximity to transit.

All in all, the Howard Terminal project represents a well-designed, well-located proposal and we urge the Commission to remove the Port priority designation in order to move it forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd David".

Todd David, *Executive Director*
Housing Action Coalition (HAC)