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Subject: Safety Concerns Regarding Structures on Starkweather Path Levee

Dear mayor & administrators

My name is Anita Sirianni, and I live in Spinnaker point near Starkweather Path. I'm writing to raise practical safety concerns about the proposed permanent installations on this corridor.

Starkweather Path sits atop a flood-control levee that protects over 400 homes in our community. Adding 22 permanent placards, a large steel sculpture, and lighting infrastructure raises important issues:

- No separation between pedestrians and high-speed e-bikes forcing walkers off the path and onto the gravel which is where the 22 installations would be anchored
- Unresolved on-going maintenance responsibilities due to vandalism, weather and salt air not addressed
- Expecting children to walk 4 miles roundtrip to view the installations is unrealistic and exposes them to injury by bikes, scooters and e-bikes and impractical for them to walk on the unpaved portion between Target and Starkweather
- Installing installations on the gravel uneven surface is not ADA compliant which poses another safety threat to pedestrians
- The levee is to protect 400 homes and not be used for permanent art installations which would impede emergency response efforts
- Lighting would invite after-hours use, increasing noise, safety concerns, and trespassing for nearby residents considering that the path is closed at sunset

I support thoughtful improvements to our community, but I believe these issues deserve to be heard and addressed by the city before any commitment is made to permanently change Starkweather's critical infrastructure.

I respectfully request that the city reject both proposals in their current form and stand with the residents who are directly impacted by these decisions.

Sincerely

Anita Sirianni

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Torild Roberts [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 3:11 PM

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Subject: Save Starkweather Path

Subject: Concerns About Environmental Impact on Starkweather Path

Dear Mayor Kate,

My name is Torild Roberts, and I'm a resident of the Spinnaker Point neighborhood. I'm writing to express serious concerns about the environmental impact of the proposed "Peoples of the Canal" art installation and the Canal Neighborhood Active Transportation Enhancement ("Canal ATE") artificial Lighting Project on the 2-mile Starkweather/Bay Trail Path.

Starkweather Path runs directly adjacent to sensitive salt marsh habitat, one of the Bay Area's most fragile ecosystems. The proposal to install 22 permanent placards and artificial lighting would:

- Disturb nesting shorebirds and migratory species that depend on this corridor
- Introduce artificial light into a naturally dark environment, disrupting nocturnal wildlife and natural circadian rhythms
- Proposal to increase foot traffic on a shared use path with constrained widths leading to pedestrian safety issues

I understand and appreciate the value of public art and cultural storytelling. However, I believe this particular location, a nature corridor with documented wildlife sensitivity, is not the appropriate setting for permanent infrastructures of this scale.

I respectfully request that the city reject both proposals in their current form and stand with the residents who are directly impacted by these decisions.

Sincerely,

Torild Roberts

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