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Honorable Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry
Attention: Dixie Petty, Committee Secretary
Assembly Committee on Local Government
Room 157, 1020 N. Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Ab 2578 (Chiu), March 22 Version: **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry and Committee Members:

The Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association **supports AB 2578**, which will address urgent seismic and flood risks. This bill would authorize San Francisco to use various mechanisms to address those risks by financing improvements to the San Francisco Seawall. This measure is critical to us as our neighborhood lies on the waterfront and adjoins the Embarcadero Seawall. We support it for the following reasons:

- **The city needs to start addressing the two significant risks now.** A major earthquake could occur at any time and is highly likely to occur within the next 30 years. The City also faces flood risk today which will dramatically increase in the future as sea level rises.
- **This bill will significantly help the effort to address the threat of earthquakes through upgrades to the century-old Seawall.** The Seawall was built before engineers understood how to design against earthquake risk. It could settle into the Bay by up to 5 feet in a major earthquake. This threat puts people's lives and \$100 billion in economic activity in great jeopardy if there is no action.
- **This measure is also needed to help make waterfront infrastructure more resilient to flooding.** Without upgrades, a 100-year flood could damage critical utility and transportation infrastructure for BART and Muni as well as the downtown.
- **It is in the State's interest to provide financial support for upgrades to the Seawall.** The Port currently manages State tidelands on behalf of the people and state of California. Financial aid is consistent with the State's role.

In summary, we **respectfully urge your support for AB 2578**, which will provide an estimated \$250 million toward efforts to address two major risks to the Seawall.

Sincerely,

Diana Taylor
President

cc: Ms. Catherine Arbona
Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Ms. Elaine Forbes