

From: [Working Waterfront](#)
To: [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Revised
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Walfred please this to the city council agenda tonight on the Housing Element'
Thank you

Dear City Council

This letter is in response to several new groups which have formed in Sausalito in the last year and have been very critical of the Sausalito Working Waterfront Coalition.

They spread misinformation about the group. We were closely involved in the 2.5 year public process. During that process, SWWC advocated that Marinship contribute its fair share of housing in the Marinship but away from the main working waterfront operations. A petition was presented to City Council with 1300 signatures in support of that idea. Consequently, several hundred housing units have been identified to be located in the Marinship, mostly north of Harbor Drive away from the boatyards and the incompatible operational noises, dust, etc.

Recently one of the groups sent an email to their members claiming the documentary produced by SWWC presents a false narrative to halt Marinship development. Quite the contrary, we advocate for developing more industrial, maritime and artist spaces. We publicly commented at many Planning Commission meetings in support of the Gate 5 Artist Studio and the Schoonmaker proposed redevelopment of their dry storage boatyard into industrial space.

Judge for yourself regarding the documentary:

1-minute preview <https://vimeo.com/860665466>

6-minute preview <https://vimeo.com/670403157>

60 minute full documentary <https://www.sausalitoworkingwaterfront.org/documentary>

SWWC has served the community for over 5 years. Perhaps they forget that SWWC organized the Marinship industrial zone to produce 55 gallons of hand sanitizer when there was none available in stores. That hand sanitizer was made available to the community at no cost. Furthermore, several industrial companies in the Marinship fabricated 15,000 plastic face shields, again distributed locally, to hospitals and across the nation, also at no cost.

Perhaps they also forget that SWWC volunteers delivered free meals to seniors from Davy Jones deli during the height of the pandemic.

SWWC also provided support for the successful \$614,000 EDA Grant for Gate 5 Rd to Harbor Drive Improvement Study. SWWC has provided other letters of support for Marinship businesses seeking grant funding.

SWWC is a grassroots organization that has been committed to the Sausalito community since its inception.

Sincerely,

SWWC Board Members,

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