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The 600 Addison Street commercial development master plan is decidedly vague, lacking in content and inappropriate for this location.

The area which I walked yesterday, November 21, 2017 is a narrow roadway away from Aquatic Park. The Aquatic Park lagoon is habitat for birds and still communicates with the Bay through culverts under the freeway. The lagoon rises and recedes with the tide. Yesterday the tide was in during my walk and the lagoon was near its bank with the marshes where I often see Egrets walking under several feet of water. A rise of just a couple more feet over the present level would push water into the current 600 Addison Street parking lot. With sea level rise, this site would be partially under water and was close last winter during the heavy rains.

The 600 Addison site and all of the current and former marshes need to be protected and restored as a barrier during storm and high tide surges. Too much development has already been approved and built on these fragile lands. These past approvals do not give an excuse for new approvals and rather highlight the urgency with which sea level rise must be addressed.

The only construction and extended use of these tender lands and spaces including the 600 Addison site needs to be small in scale and temporary. Restoration and protection of wetlands must be the mission.

There is little difference between acknowledgement of climate change while forging ahead with large developments in fragile environments and climate denial. They both ignore the environmental impact in addition to placing the public and taxpayers at risk.

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