

May 31, 2011

San Francisco Bay Trail Project
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Attn: Laura Thompson, Project Manager
Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner

Dear Bay Trail,

We are writing to express concern about Bay Trail's involvement in the Glen Cove Waterfront Park development project in Vallejo. As you are aware, Glen Cove is a 3,500 year old Native American burial ground and ceremonial gathering place that continues to be spiritually important to local Native communities.

As Bay Area residents, cyclists, outdoor enthusiasts and regular users of the Bay Trail, we demand Bay Trail's immediate public divestment from the proposed development of the Glen Cove site. We know that Bay Trail has contributed significant funding towards this project, upwards of \$200,000. Also, Bay Trail is specifically directing the construction of new trails through this culturally sensitive area, including a paved trail.

For over ten years, Ohlone, Miwok, and other local Native people have been asking GVRD and the City of Vallejo to not further desecrate the burial ground of their ancestors. The planned development continues to include the construction of new trails, bathrooms and a parking lot, as well as the grading of large areas of the site.

We support and appreciate the Bay Trail's conservation efforts and the outdoor opportunities that you create in our area. However, we find your disrespect toward the clearly stated wishes of local Native communities to be unacceptable. We believe that indigenous peoples have an inherent right to protect their sacred and burial sites, and that

as Bay Area residents we need to work together to honor the true history of the land and the distinctive spiritual and cultural relationship that indigenous people have with it.

We demand that Bay Trail withdraw all financial and political support for the current Glen Cove development project and pursue an alternative configuration of the Bay Trail in this area. If we do not see Bay Trail addressing these issues as a matter of urgency, we will take further action.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Glen Cove Solidarity Working Group