

**PROPOSAL TO MEASURE DD COMMUNITY COALITION FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR ACTION REGARDING ESTUARY CHANNEL HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS**

19 September 2016

SUBJECT: Designate & Charge a Measure DD Task Force to Develop Recommendations for Action Toward Ending or Ameliorating the Problem of Homeless Encampments Along the Estuary Channel south from Lake Merritt & 12th Street to the New 10th Street Bridge

ISSUE: Measure DD improvements provide dual pathways along both shorelines of the Channel from the Lake to SF Bay. The pathways are installed by Measure DD funds to serve the needs of walkers, hikers, bikers, skaters, strollers, etc, by providing a safe, lighted, landscaped, inviting, meandering path for a scenic and desirable experience throughout the user's journey. The west pathway is completed and landscaped from the Lake to the north side of the 10th Street Bridge -- now nearing completion. The east pathway is approx 25% installed from the Lake -- with completion scheduled to accompany Bridge completion approx the end of 2016.

PROBLEMS:

1. Tents and homeless settlements and related hygiene issues on and near the pathways.
2. Disruption and/or destruction of protective fencing at the wetlands marsh
3. Coordination with DPW and OPD for removal of occupants and possessions
4. Recurring problem in that soon after removal, encampments and occupants return
5. Messaging to and communications for/or with homeless occupants
6. Need to oversee and/or monitor compliance
7. Resolution of possible conflicts between simultaneous pedestrian and cycle usage of pathways

TASK FORCE:

1. 3 to 5 DD members or associates volunteers
2. Meet with relevant officials for expanded understanding of the problems, and of precautions to be observed
3. Develop a plan, including communications, proposed actions, proposed needed legislation (if any), proposed implementation measures
4. Prepare communication materials, and determine method of implementation
5. Meet again with relevant officials for concurrence with implementation plan
6. Determine timeline and carry out implementation plan
7. Prepare and make report to Measure DD Coalition
8. Share report with relevant