How a Community Turned a Bishop’s Mitre into Two Bridges and a Park, (with reliefs by Stirling Calder)
Auditorium of the City of Oakland, Calif.

Oakland Auditorium, Built 1912
12TH STREET, 1930s, STREETCARS & AUTOMOBILES
PROPOSAL BY THE DIOCESE:
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SAVE OUR LAKE MERRITT PARKLANDS!

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, AT 7 P.M.* IN CITY HALL

Oakland City Council will consider a resolution to issue a Request for Proposals to develop the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center parking lot. This is the same site suggested for a huge cathedral. So far there has been absolutely no public discussion of what the people of Oakland would like to do to improve our hundred-year-old parkland. We need that discussion before the city starts planning more big buildings there. Let's not put any more tall structures at the lake! This is the third recent attempt (Splash Pad, Fire Alarm Building, and this) to sell off our irreplaceable lakeside parkland. We should improve parks, not abandon them.

* AND PLEASE tell the Mayor and council NOW that you oppose giving up our parkland at the Lake. Use E-mail or phone to give your opinion right away, whether you can attend the meeting or not.

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SAVE OUR LAKE MERRITT PARKLANDS!

Lake Merritt is the city’s greenway, and a way to raise our voices! The photo is from the city’s website.

The Lake Merritt has been used heavily by Oakland citizens and for nature since the early 1900s. The tidal area around the dam is a popular nesting area for birds. Before the dam was built, there was a wooden bridge at 12th St., and the area around it was used as a park.

Please visit www.oaklandnet.com for city council agenda and any time changes. You can find more contact information there, too.

COALITION OF ADVOCATES FOR LAKE MERRITT

John E. Klein • 510-835-3041
I joined a gospel choir!

I'm a Quaker, myself.

Lake Merritt Sanctuary
"No blaspheming!"

Jerry's Dream
Oakland city officials want another HUGE BUILDING on LAKE MERRITT!

What do YOU want?

PROPOSED: 16-story cathedral on concrete slab elevated over 12th and 14th Streets and the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center parking lot.

- This is public parkland and open space
- City’s Lake Merritt Park Master Plan has just gotten started.
- Lake Merritt is a National Historic Landmark and a designated National Wildlife Refuge
- City engaged in private talks with Catholic Diocese of Oakland
- City invited NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION
- City officials tried three times in two years to sell Lake Merritt parklands to private developers (Splash Pad, Fire Alarm Building, now this!).
- City is trying to rush this plan through.

You can make a difference!

Save our democratic process and our parks!

At left, photo of Santiago Calatrava model for proposed cathedral between Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center and Lake Merritt. Above, old postcard shows parklands around the Oakland Auditorium.

- Get informed!
- Help brainstorm a park for all to use: with walkways, bike paths and open space connecting Lake Merritt to the Oakland Museum area and to the Bay.
- Bring your ideas and suggestions for these public lands.
- Call 835-3041 with questions, or to volunteer.

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Come to a COMMUNITY MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 6-8 P.M. • Oakland Main Library
125 14th Street, Oakland
Lake Merritt Boulevard

CONCEPTUAL PLAN

September 7, 2001

Lake Merritt Promenade

- New 10-12 foot wide pedestrian promenade
- New benches along the promenade
- New lighting along the promenade
- New landscaping along the promenade

Street Re-Configuration East

- 12th Street becomes one way from 11th to 14th
- New bike lanes and sharrows added
- New pedestrian signals added

Fire Alarm Building

- Convert to use by the Museum, Library or Convention Center
- Outdoor terrace added

Street Re-Configuration West

- 11th Street becomes one way
- 12th Street becomes one way
- New bike lanes and sharrows added
- New pedestrian signals added

Courthouse Improvements

- New entrance and sidewalk
- New landscaping
- New lighting

Convention Center Parking Lot Phase 1

- New 500 space parking lot
- New pedestrian pathways

Oakland Museum

- New entrance
- New landscaping
- New lighting

Audiobooks

- New entrance
- New landscaping
- New lighting

SCALE: 1" = 50'
NORTH
Some city officials think we should ring Lake Merritt with a wall of tall buildings.

Lake Merritt Park?
or a 16-Story Cathedral?

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At top, one of the sketches of the COMMUNITY PLAN, showing pedestrian-friendly walkways, fewer traffic lanes, and bike paths.
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COMMUNITY MEETING: THURS., SEPT. 6, 6-8 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY
SEE AND COMMENT ON PROPOSALS!

CITY HALL MEETING: WED., SEPT 12, 6-8 P.M. • HEARING ROOM 1
BOND MEASURE PASSED BY 78%
LAKE MERRITT BOULEVARD AND NEW PARK
JOIN US FOR A PICNIC, SPRING 2013