

# DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN



## TO POINT MOLATE

### **AN AFFRONT TO THE DECADES OF VISION FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY**

One of the last remaining undeveloped headlands in the Bay Area could be home to a \$1B development project to build a Las Vegas style CASINO. Significant historical resources would be destroyed under this plan. Building 6 in the Winehaven District would be demolished to make room for a 16 story, 1,100 room all glass clad hotel. The 200,000 sq. ft. casino could belong to a remote Indian tribe placing oversight of the land out of the domain of local, county, and state government.

This is certainly not the vision of Sylvia McLaughlin when she founded Save the Bay, giving birth to the BCDC, and the subsequent shoreline visions and plans of many groups to follow. The property which had been owned by the Navy since WWII has been neglected for decades and of all the possibilities to re-vitalize Pt. Molate, a tribal casino is not the answer.

### **AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE**

Under the casino plan, some patrons would be ferried to Pt. Molate, involving re-construction of a pier that would damage highly sensitive eel-grass beds. Acres of land would be excavated for a 6100 space parking garage, thereby threatening rare plant species. Traffic congestion at the single lane Western Dr. exit to Pt. Molate would yield untenable delays on the San Rafael bridge, greatly increasing pollution.

The shoreline lease for the Bay Trail and other forms of recreation would not be protected once in Native American Tribal hands, as they are a sovereign nation - not answerable to State, County or local environmental and zoning laws.

### **A BETTER VISION**

Point Molate offers a wonderful opportunity to create a sustainable cultural recreation destination. A vision that would maintain and improve shoreline access, rehabilitate the historic Winehaven district, extend the Bay Trail across Pt. Molate, and provide educational and social development facilities. Such 'working' cultural parks have proven to be economically beneficial to both local residents and the wider region as proven by the Presidio.

**SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE PT. MOLATE**

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