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Having attended (online) the meeting last week, I have even more concerns about the ferry project.

Primarily, the project's proximity to three major public open spaces—Shorebird Park, Adventure Playground, and McLaughlin Eastshore State Park—requires detailed focus on impacts to recreation and transportation.

Berkeley has done a TERRIBLE job supporting and caring for these valuable open, park spaces. That should be our focus, not a project that will take SO MUCH MONEY and provide very little that cannot be provided by BART and AC Transit (if these existing mass transit options are supported!). We don't need to spend money that Berkeley does not have.

Areas of the Bay that have been filled for recreational purposes must remain in that use and not be converted for commercial development, consistent with provisions of the McAteer-Petris Act and regulations of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

Save The Bay and its founders (including Sylvia McLaughlin for whom Eastshore State Park is named) supported the placement of fill in the Bay in Berkeley only for **recreational purposes**, as consistent with BCDC's statute.

So many people, swimmers, kayakers, and walkers use these areas. There is no parking for a ferry. And regardless of how many times WETA and the others say it, people who will take the ferry will DRIVE and PARK there; they will not take the bus to the marina. Get real.

I want to swim there, I want to walk there, I want to birdwatch there. Recreation is important. Please stop this land (and water) grab!!!!

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