

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Earth Day Events to Target Pollution, Gentrification & Racism in San Francisco – THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 - NOON AND 6 PM

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Bayview Hunters Point, Treasure Island, Mission District Residents to Protest at Lennar Corporation's "SF Shipyard" Downtown Sales Office to Demand the Developer and Government Stop Contaminating and Driving Displacement in Our Communities!

What: Lennar, with City Hall's support, is building a huge upscale residential and commercial development on and next to toxic and radioactive contaminated land at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard site which includes a federal Superfund site - information that Lennar and the City are not actively or accurately informing potential new home owners about. Lennar is building a similar large-scale development on contaminated land at Treasure Island, as well as major developments at Candlestick Point and the Mission District that will add to gentrification and displacement of long-time low-income, people of color residents.

The controversy at the Hunters Point Shipyard is now escalating with revelations that Tetra Tech, contractor for Lennar responsible for partial clean up, was cited by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for falsifying soil samples that intentionally understated contamination levels. In addition, new information is now raising questions about whether the Navy and US EPA complied with federal Superfund cleanup requirements at the site.

This event comes as a day of action observed by Black Lives Matter, the Last 3 Percent Coalition, the Justice for Mario Woods Coalition, OccupySF, Causa Justa, Huntersview Mothers & Fathers Committee, Occupy SF Environmental Justice Working Group, Our City, 350 San Francisco and Environmental Justice Working Group of the Unitarian Universalist Society of SF, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice, and other grassroots environmental justice and anti-displacement organizations around the Bay Area.

Organizers highlight Lennar's, with City Hall support, building of high income residential and commercial development on and next to toxic and radioactive contaminated land at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard site which includes a federal Superfund site - information that Lennar and the City are not actively or accurately informing potential new home owners about. Lennar is building a similar large-scale development on contaminated land at Treasure Island, as well as major developments at Candlestick Point and the Mission District that will add to gentrification and displacement of long-time low-income, people of color residents. The government's California Climate Action Team estimates sea level will rise an additional 10 to 17 inches by 2050 and 31 to 69 inches by 2100 or more, yet environmental studies for the Shipyard and Treasure Island projects never evaluated the potential flooding of the radioactive and toxic waste being left along the waterfront.

When: Thursday April 21st at 12pm- this action will take place at the Lennar's Sales Office with a gathering of residents impacted by Lennar's redevelopment and local community and environmental justice groups. (645 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA (between 2nd/3rd Streets)

Who: -Bayview Hunters Point, Treasure Island, Mission District Residents
-Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice and many other participants

Opportunities for Media Visuals: Chanting, singing, speeches, banners, public action

Residents to Question US Navy on Hunters Point Shipyard Toxic & Radioactive Waste Issues including concerns about Tetra Tech's falsification of soil sampling, threat from sea level rise

Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Task Force Meeting

What: The controversial partial cleanup of toxic and radioactive waste near the waterfront at the Hunters Point Shipyard – and the plan to leave large amounts of contamination in place - will be the main focus of a special evening meeting of the Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force.

The Task Force is a community-led multi-stakeholder problem solving collaboration bringing together residents, some businesses and many local, regional, state and federal environmental regulatory agencies. The Navy has agreed to make a presentation about their cleanup of contamination, and residents and environmental justice groups will question the adequacy of the cleanup and the wisdom of leaving contamination in place in light of rising sea levels and the plans to build thousands of homes at the Shipyard site.

When: Thursday April 21st 2016 at 6pm- this is a monthly meeting held at 1800 Oakdale. This meeting will take place in the Alex Pitcher Room at City College Southeast Campus

Where: City College of San Francisco Southeast Campus, 1800 Oakdale, San Francisco, CA

Who: Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice, US Navy, many city, regional, state and federal regulatory agencies, community residents, and local environmental justice and community groups