



for Health & Environmental Justice

Environmental, Climate & Social  
Injustice in  
Bayview Hunters Point  
& Treasure Island  
San Francisco, California

# **Bayview Hunters Point**

## **A picture postcard of Environmental Racism: Pollution, Gentrification, Rising Sea Levels**

- Bayview Hunters Point is a predominantly people of color neighborhood located along San Francisco Bay in Southeast San Francisco
- BVHP has been the historic dumping ground for dirty industries and the US Navy
- The State's CalEnviroScreen 3.0 confirms that BVHP is one of the communities in the state most vulnerable to pollution due to environmental, health and socio-economic indicators

- Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site contaminated with radioactive and hazardous wastes
- Dozens of other contamination sites, with many along the San Francisco Bay waterfront
- Under-regulated plants at Port of SF including two concrete plants and Darling rendering plant
- Southeast Sewage Treatment Plant
- Ground Zero for Gentrification Promoted by the City including Lennar's SF Shipyard Development and Build LLC's India Basin Mixed Use Project
- Freight transport, distribution, diesel trucks
- Surrounded by two freeways (280 and 101)

# State of California's CalEnviroScreen 3.0 confirms Bayview Hunters Point at risk from pollution

- **Environmental Factors:**
- Diesel Particulate Matter: 99%
- Groundwater Threats 98%
- Hazardous Waste 86%
- **Health Factors:**
- Asthma 98% Low Birth Weight 99%
- Cardiovascular 69%
- **Population Characteristics:**
- Poverty 87%
- Unemployment 84%
- Housing 91%

CITY HALL

STOP THE TOXIC WASTE IN CONTAMINATION COVER UP

CLEAN THE SHIPYARD

CLEAN UP NOT COVER UP

Bayview Hunters Point Mothers Mothers Committee  
Bayview Hunters Point Health and

**LENNAR: STOP CONTAMINATING & DRIVING DISPLACEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES!**



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# Hunters Point Naval Shipyard

- 1989: Put on Superfund/National Priorities List
- Contaminated with radioactive and toxic waste from decades of military and industrial use
- Radioactive waste from ships that conducted atomic bomb testing, and from secret radiological lab
- Lennar & City Hall plan over 10,000 mostly luxury homes at site despite contamination and inadequate cleanup
- 2016: USEPA and State halt transfers of land from the Navy to the City to Lennar for investigation of allegations of massive fraud during “cleanup” by Tetra Tech’s subsidiary
- City, Navy, & Lennar plan on leaving radioactive waste buried at Parcel E-2 on the Bay Waterfront despite sea level rise

# What causes sea level rise?

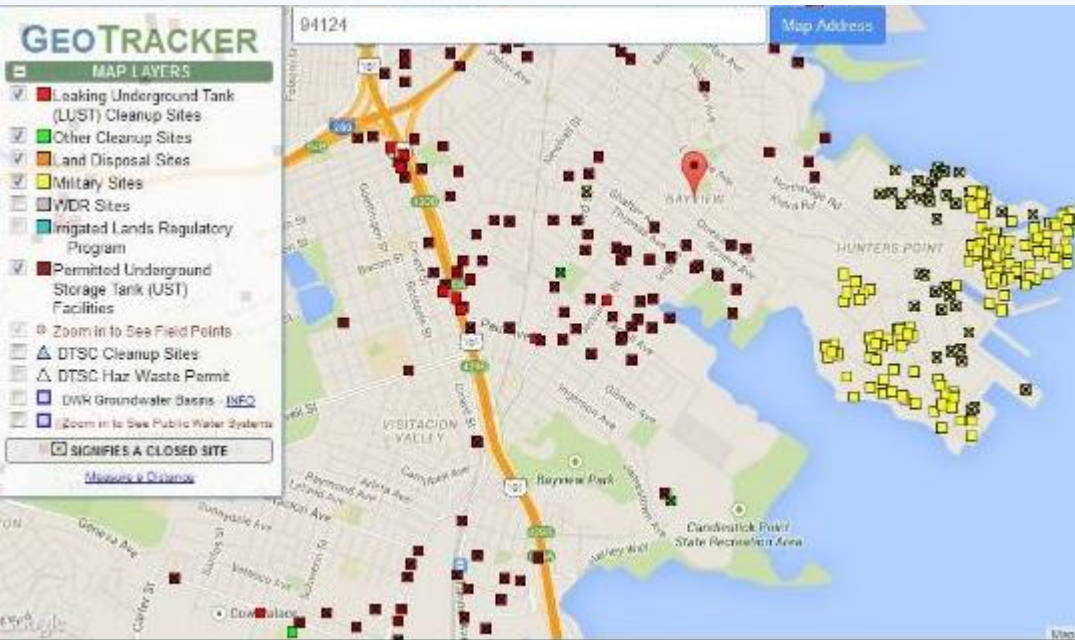


Scientific studies have confirmed that human activity -specifically the use of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas) - are contributing to climate change and resultant sea level rise.

- Sea level is projected to rise at least an additional 11 to 19 inches by 2050 and 39 to 55 inches or more by 2100

***Above: 4 foot sea level rise in Bayview Hunters Point -National Oceanic Administration Sea Level rise and Coastal Impact Mapping***

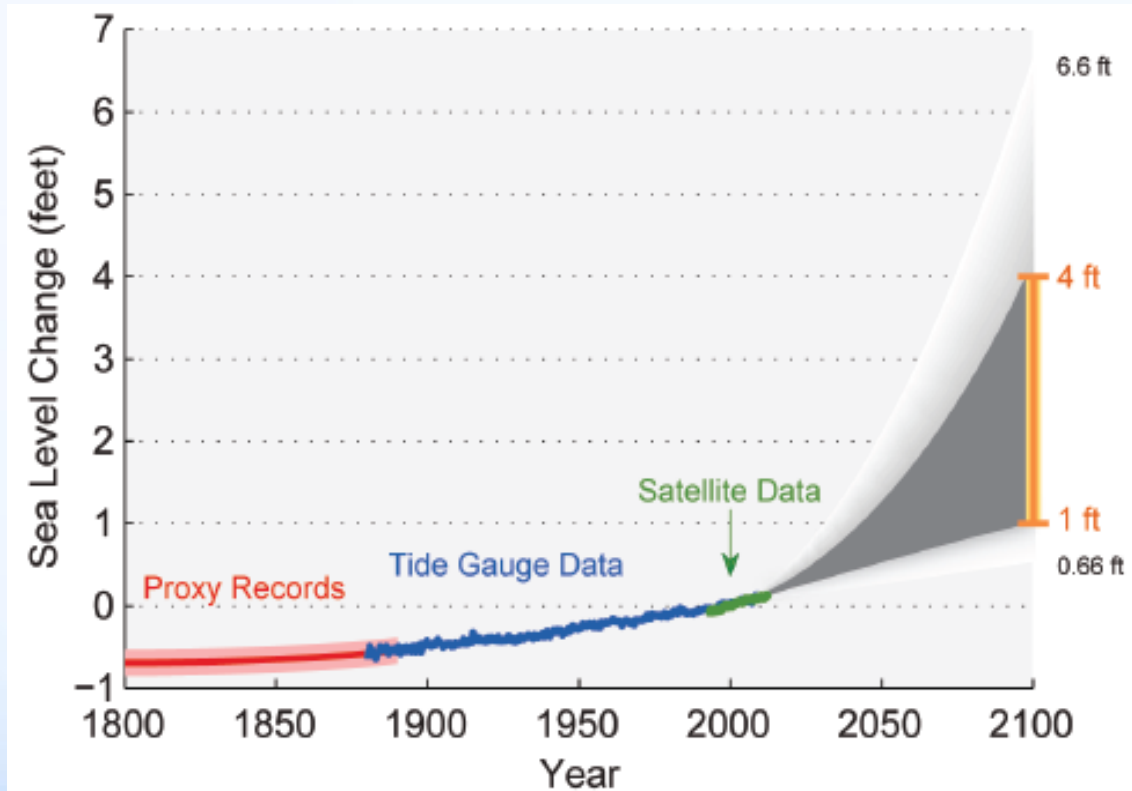
# Why is Bayview Hunters Point at Risk from Climate Change?



- BVHP is adjacent to the San Francisco Bay
- BVHP already suffers from health problems due to air, water, and land pollution and socio-economic injustices
- **Dozens of sites contaminated with toxic and radioactive wastes, including the Shipyard and Brownfields, underground storage tanks, industries and businesses are located on or near the waterfront**



# Sea Level Rise will cause:



- Coastal erosion, flooding, shoreline retreat, rising groundwater, wetland loss, habitat destruction
- Flooding and inundation of waterfront toxic and radioactive contamination sites
- Flooding of neighborhoods & infrastructure
- Threats to public health and the environment

## Past and Projected Changes in Global Sea Level

Source: Melillo, J. M., Richmond T., and Yohe G. W., Eds., (2014)

# At-risk sites in Bayview Hunters Point

- Former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard/federal Superfund Site – contaminated with radioactive and toxic waste
- Dozens of contaminated sites along the waterfront
- Utilities including the Southeast Sewage Treatment Plant
- Neighborhoods, major redevelopment projects, transportation
- Wetlands

# India Basin Mixed Use Project

- India Basin is next to Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site
- Proposal for approximately 1400 mostly upscale homes and commercial development
- Contaminated with toxic waste (no test for radioactive waste)
- City's own Environmental Impact Report concluded the project would cause SIGNIFICANT, UNAVOIDABLE, ONGOING, HARMFUL & LOCALIZED AIR POLLUTION for life of the project
- Board of Supervisors rejected Greenaction's Appeal, used loophole in California Environmental Quality Act claiming open space and housing more important than harmful pollution
- Bay Conservation & Development Commission proposing to approve project January 21, 2021

# Polluting Industries at Port of San Francisco

- Two concrete plants operate at the Port without proper permits or public review, emitting significant air pollution
- Darling International, a rendering plant, has emitted noxious odors for decades that are unhealthy and a nuisance
- City, Port, and Bay Area Air Quality Management District allow these unregulated or under-regulated polluters to continue operating

**WELCOME TO  
TREASURE ISLAND**  
TREASURE ISLAND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
ONE AVENUE OF THE PALMS



# Treasure Island is a Toxic Island

- **Was part of Hunters Point Naval Shipyard complex, contaminated with hazardous and radioactive waste**
- **Qualified to be on Superfund list but government claimed not necessary**
- **Low income mostly people of color residents live literally on top of or feet from radioactive and toxic waste**
- **Power outages plague the community**
- **Residents state some have been threatened with retaliation and eviction for speaking out about housing conditions and contamination**
- **City & developers moving forward with major residential and commercial development without proper cleanup of contamination**
- **We demand retesting and proper cleanup of contamination, safe and long-term, affordable housing for residents away from the contamination**



**NOTICE**

**CONTROLLED  
AREA**

Authorized Personnel Only

Controlled for Radiation Protection Purposes

## Radioactive Waste feet from homes on Treasure Island





# Demands

- Capping contamination is not cleanup – there must be independent retesting and comprehensive cleanup, with full community oversight
- Prohibit building of homes or parks on top of or next to contaminated sites. Local, regional, state & federal agencies must work with residents & community, environmental justice & climate justice groups to develop action plan to address sea level rise and pollution
- Stop Gentrification and Support Real Affordable Housing!  
Stop Lennar's SF Shipyard Development Project and Build's India Basin Mixed Use Development Project

A woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a grey hoodie with red and white accents, is speaking to a group of reporters. She is holding a white paper. The reporters are holding microphones and smartphones towards her. In the background, there is a large, ornate stone building with arched windows. A white banner is held in front of the group.

**STOP THE  
RADIOACTIVE SCANS**  
**CLEAN UP THE SHIPYARD NOW!**

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# How you can help:

- Email and call the Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to demand comprehensive re-testing and comprehensive remediation of contamination in Bayview Hunters Point and Treasure Island
- Participate in permit and other regulatory processes for challenging polluting projects and gentrification projects, including California Environmental Quality Act processes
- Commenting on (in)adequacy of cleanup remedies under federal Superfund law and state regulations
- Demand Bay Conservation and Development Commission's comply with environmental justice and not violate their statutory and regulatory mandate to protect the bay from harmful development



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