

## FROM THE DESK OF JOSH COHEN

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Dear Fellow Harbor Bay/Bay Farm Resident,

Did you know that the City of Alameda spends over \$12 million dollars every year maintaining and repairing buildings and roads at the old navy base?

Did you know that it costs every Alameda taxpayer about \$400 a year for maintenance of the old navy base and that it is just getting worse?

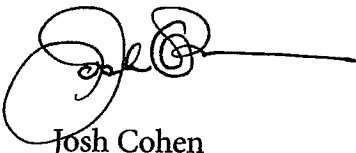
Measure B would change all of that by allowing limited development of the old navy base so that improvements would not only pay for themselves but would bring needed revenue into Alameda. Measure B was placed on the ballot after hundreds of hours of community input. It lays out requirements that any developer must follow if they want to build. It requires the developer to provide parks, a school, a new library, and to repair roads and replace sewer, gas, water and utility lines at no cost to taxpayers. The developer and the Navy are required to clean up the contamination and toxins, again, at no cost to taxpayers.

Normally you would think that something this simple would pass easily. Well, this is Alameda and nothing is just simple. The same people who opposed the new movie theater in Alameda, saying it would cause "gridlock," are also using the same argument against Measure B.

As Harbor Bay and Bay Farm residents, we know the City often ignores our needs, claiming that there isn't enough money to fix our roads, improve traffic or improve police protection. Perhaps if the City wasn't wasting money at the old navy base there would be enough money to help our neighborhoods.

Please join me in voting yes on Measure B in the upcoming election in February to ensure that sustainable development of the old navy base is paid for by the developers and not by us taxpayers!

Sincerely,



Josh Cohen

*Local Business Owner and Bay Farm Resident*