



The Warriors' Event Center: Not a Slam Dunk: Objections to the Proposed Project

1. Excessive Size of the Project

The proposed project is significantly larger than the Salesforce HQ earlier approved by the City. Why is the City permitting the excessive size of the project? Besides the arena, there are several other event and retail spaces, plus two office buildings.

2. Intensive Use of the Event Center

What started as a Warriors' arena has mushroomed into an event center of major proportions. There will be only 40-45 Warriors' games, but the plan calls for more than 200 events per year. In other words, the basketball games are 20 percent of the planned activity, as if this were Las Vegas or Disneyland.

3. Conflict with Original Redevelopment Plan

The original Redevelopment Plan did not envision anything approaching the magnitude of the proposed event center, and yet the Warriors and the City want the public to believe that they are conforming to the original plan. Mission Bay has developed as a world-class medical and bio-science center and a critical job creator for San Francisco. Now the area will be severely impacted by an entertainment facility dropped into the heart of the already crowded area.

4. Traffic Gridlock

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will show that the 18,000 seat area, plus the entertainment center, will cause extreme traffic problems on a regular basis. Intersections and freeway off-ramps will be tied up during critical periods, especially impacting the commute times of neighborhoods such as Potrero Hill, Dogpatch and the Mission. 16th Street and 3rd Street will become a parking lot.

5. Parking Totally Inadequate

The Warriors have allocated 950 spaces to service an 18,000 seat arena, several event spaces, several retail and restaurant locations and two office buildings. In fact, the majority of this parking – as many as 750 spaces – may be reserved to serve the office buildings. To disguise the inadequacy of the parking, the Warriors are claiming to have access to parking from the Giants, UCSF, local office buildings and curbside parking. But there is no evidence that they, in fact, have access to more than a small fraction of these spaces. The price of parking in Mission Bay will sky rocket. Compare the parking around Oracle Arena to the current proposal.

6. Transit Not Available, or Planned, or Affordable

To make up for the traffic and parking problems, the Warriors want us to imagine a public transit system that does not exist and will not exist without enormous tax payer expenditures hoped for as subsidies by the Warriors.

7. Project Violates SF Planning Height and Bulk Rules

The Warriors' plan violates both the height and bulk rules of the City, but the City appears willing to look the other way unless the public speaks up.

8. View Corridors Blocked

The master plan for Mission Bay calls for view corridors to the Bay to be maintained. But the Warriors want to argue that the view of the arena is a substitute for a view out into nature, and again the City appears willing to go along with the Warriors demands.

9. Warriors' Development Partners too Close to the City and Vice Versa

The owners of Strata, the Warriors' development partners, were chosen because of their cozy relationship with their former City Hall colleagues and have been able to extract concessions from a City Hall eager to please them. This relationship reeks of conflicts of interest between Strata and the Mayor's office.