

Save The Hill Praises Kaiser Move – Encourages Them To Work With Bayview

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Potrero Hill’s “Save the Hill” organization spokesperson, Rod Minott, today praised the announcement that Kaiser Permanente has decided to move its proposed Medical Care facility from the Potrero Hill neighborhood to Mission Bay.

“This is a win-win for Potrero Hill and for Mission Bay. As San Francisco’s budding health care incubator, Mission Bay is a sensible choice for Kaiser,” Minott stated.

“While we are appreciative of their decision and will support their Mission Bay project, we are disappointed that, from what we understand, Kaiser did not take a hard look at possible locations in the Bayview,” Minott went on.

“We have come to understand a lot about the healthcare needs of the Bayview and Southeastern San Francisco residents. It would have been fantastic if Kaiser had selected a site in a more Southeastern location of the city. That said, we encourage Kaiser Permanente Chairman, Mr. Bernard Tyson, and his staff to continue to work with residents and community organizations in the Bayview to find ways to collaborate on increasing health care and other positive programs so that residents in the lower income neighborhoods to our South can benefit from the same resources we already have here in Potrero Hill.”

Minott also noted that within the last two weeks, the first phase of the redevelopment of the Hunters Point shipyard has been announced with great fanfare.

“The Bayview is slated to be San Francisco’s newest great neighborhood. We should all support its transition.” Minott concluded.

In an editorial posted by Art Agnos earlier this year, the former San Francisco Mayor reminded Kaiser of its “noble history in our community” and called on the health care giant to “live up to its stated goal of serving the underserved southeast area of San Francisco by locating where their services can have the greatest impact... bringing better health, new jobs, new development, and new life to a community that’s been neglected far too long.”

Kaiser got the message sent by Potrero Hill. Let’s hope they listen to the rest of Southeast San Francisco too.

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