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PRESS RELEASE: PIER 94, SITE F TO STAY OPEN

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – After several months of uncertainty for Pier 94, Site F will stay open for the time being after the Port of San Francisco and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing have reached a tentative agreement with details still being drafted. This is a result of the continued advocacy from the community, residents, staff, and volunteers who have seen the positive impacts that Pier 94, Site F has had on addressing homelessness in Bayview Hunters Point.

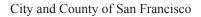
In May, District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton introduced and unanimously passed a <u>resolution</u> urging the Port of San Francisco, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the San Francisco Port Commission, and the Homeless Oversight Commission to keep Pier 94, also known as Seawall Lot 344, and Site F open.

"I am so excited to hear that residents at Pier 94, Site F will not be transferred out for the time being and intakes of new unhoused residents in the Bayview will resume soon," said Supervisor Shamann Walton. "We could not have kept this site open without the continued advocacy from the community. Pier 94, Site F is a very special place where residents, staff, and volunteers have created a tight community supporting folks experiencing homelessness to transition into a more stable environment and eventually to permanent housing. This is a one-of-a-kind community and model that does not exist elsewhere."

At the beginning of the pandemic in April 2020, the Governor's Office of Emergency provided the City with 120 Recreational Vehicles (RVs) to house folks in Bayview Hunters Point, who were experiencing homelessness, at Pier 94. When this site opened, there was unanimous support from the Port Commission, the Human Services Agency, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing Directors, the Mayor, as well as other City officials and department heads.

The RVs are all equipped with showers and restrooms to provide an optimal non-congregate housing opportunity for residents who were living on the street. Residents at Site F have been receiving two meals a day, on-site medical services, on-site behavioral health services, electricity, laundry service, shelter shuttle service, and connection to needed services. In May, there were 118 guests at the site, across 114 units. Over the last three years, this site has led to permanent housing connections for 37 guests.

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"I am relieved to hear that site F at Pier 94 will remain open," said Dr. Dan Wlodarczyk, Volunteer Physician, Street Medicine for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. "It is a valuable resource to the people experiencing homelessness in the Bayview Hunters Point community. Having a stable, secure place is essential to the residents' well-being. It is a place where services can be brought to them and needless barriers can be overcome. Disruption of the community leads to serious negative consequences."

Pier 94 was initially chosen because it is located in an area with historically disadvantaged residents experiencing homelessness as well as the location's size, access to utilities, and land management capabilities, among other factors.

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 2:30 pm, Supervisor Shamann Walton will be honoring staff and volunteers of Pier 94, Site F for all the tireless work that they have put into creating and fostering a strong community for people experiencing homelessness, at the full Board of Supervisors meeting at City Hall, Room 250.

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