

I am a long time resident of Berkeley, CA and I am writing to urge the CDBW commission maintain funding for the Berkeley Marina dock repair and renovation. Over many years my family and I have made the Berkeley marina one of our destinations for recreation and boating with friends. This Dock repair is key to maintaining the marina boating community as a thriving part of our town.

Craig McCaleb
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Dear CDBW Commission members

I am a West Berkeley resident and go to the Marina daily and appreciate it very much. I know four residents who live on boats at the Marina and know how important to upgrade the docks.

Please support the loan for the Marina

- This loan is essential to the success and longevity of the Marina.
- D & E docks are over 50 years old, well beyond their useful life. Nearly half of these slips are occupied by boaters who could not be relocated within our Marina if D & E Dock falls into further disrepair.
- The replacement of D & E Dock are critical to the recovery of the Marina Fund.
- This loan is a wise investment in California's boating infrastructure and specifically for Berkeley Marina.

Thank you

Mary White
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Dear Maria,

I would like to register a comment on CDBW Commission Agenda Item IV.

B. Berkeley Marina Loan Program.

I have had a small 26ft sailboat for 5 years in Berkeley Marina, and have lived on it fulltime for the last 1.5 years.

My boat is one of the smallest legal liveaboards, and it has enabled me to stay in the Bay Area despite long periods of unemployment during and after the pandemic. Without it I would basically be homeless, or would have had to leave the area. I paid \$6700 for it, less than most people pay for their cars (I don't have a car myself, but ride a bicycle), so it's not a luxury item for me. I also pay rent for my slip, it's not a freebee from the city.

About 100 other people live here on their boats, some larger, some smaller. Of the hundreds of other slipholders, some are rich, some are poor, some use it for recreation, some to provide non-profit services to kids, but I'd like to think that it's a friendlier and more helpful community than you will find in most privately owned marinas.

Sadly the state of repair is not what it should be in such a great location, and we therefore badly need the docks to be repaired so we can keep this marina afloat, so I am hoping you will give your support to approving the loan.

Kind regards,
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Comment on CDBW Commission Agenda Item IV. B. Berkeley Marina Loan Program

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Best,
Kira Findling
Berkeley Resident