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Request for Public Comment: Resilient by Design Seeks Bay Area Community Input on 32 Innovative Design Opportunities to Address Climate Change before Disaster Strikes

The public comment period for review and feedback on the Design Opportunities will be conducted on the Neighborland online platform November 16 through December 1, 2017.

San Francisco Bay Area, California — Today, Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge, an exciting new approach to address climate change before disaster strikes, launched online and physical locations for a two-week public comment period open to all Bay Area residents to share their thoughts, ideas, comments, and hopes for 32 inspirational Design Opportunities imagined by the 10 Design Teams participating in the Bay Area Challenge.

The 32 Design Opportunities are now available for [review and public comment online via Neighborland](#), and for viewing at locations throughout the Bay Area including SPUR San Francisco, the Bay Area Metro Center, SPUR Oakland, SPUR San Jose, and the San Mateo County Office in Redwood City (details below). This public feedback is critical to lay the groundwork for the next phase of the Bay Area Challenge, in which Design Teams will dive deeper to develop 10 of the Design Opportunities in partnership with local leaders and community groups to come up with real, implementable design solutions that build a stronger, safer Bay Area.

“Public engagement is at the center of what Resilient by Design is all about,” said Amanda Brown-Stevens, Managing Director of Resilient by Design. “It’s about giving all residents, public officials, local leaders, and stakeholders a central role in shaping our collective future. During this critical phase of the process, residents will share their thoughts on early inspirations and ideas, so Design Teams can join with local communities to tackle their priorities and concerns together.”

These Design Opportunities are preliminary ideas and vary in scope and scale to facilitate a broad range of community input. “It’s thrilling to see a variety of approaches and a wide spectrum of ideas emerging,” said Allison Brooks, Chair of the Resilient by Design Executive Board. “For me, it’s demonstrative of the imaginative thinking emanating from this Challenge and the broader Bay Area and is proof that the Bay Area Challenge is working to create a new, innovative, and replicable approach to

addressing sea level rise and climate change.”

Over the past two months, Design Teams have toured communities around the San Francisco Bay, learning about the challenges Bay Area communities face related to severe storms, flooding, and sea level rise, in conjunction with broader challenges around infrastructure, affordability, and inequity.

In December, after the conclusion of this initial public input, the Research Advisory Committee will review the 32 Design Opportunities and consider public feedback. Design Opportunities will be assessed based on innovation, potential benefits to ecological and social resilience, and feasibility. The Research Advisory Committee will select 10 sites that will be matched to 10 Design Teams in the Collaborative Design Phase.

During the Collaborative Design Phase, Design Teams will collaborate with community members and draw on their perspectives and experiences to inspire a fluid design process that evolves over time. By combining the technical knowledge of local, national and international experts with the local knowledge of Bay Area Residents, Resilient by Design is creating solutions that are new, inventive and collaborative, and can serve as a blueprint for communities throughout our region and the world.

Design Opportunities are available online for review and feedback on a web platform and called Neighborland through December 1 at www.neighborland.com/resilientbay. Neighborland is a popular online social network where community members can provide feedback and input on local community projects, and provides an easy way for all community leaders, residents, and local jurisdictions who are interested in being involved to submit comments, ideas and questions on Design Opportunities.

Design Opportunities will also be presented at several locations around the Bay Area during the public comment period so that local residents and stakeholders throughout the region have an opportunity to learn more about Resilient by Design and see a portion of the ideas that are on the Neighborland online platform for public comment.

Presentation dates and locations:

Public Comment Online via Neighborland: www.neighborland.com/resilientbay
November 16-December 1

SPUR San Francisco
November 16-20, 9:00am-5:00pm
654 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Bay Area Metro Center
November 16-20, 9:00am-5:00pm
375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

SPUR Oakland
November 21, 9:00am-4:00pm
November 22 & 27, 9:00am-5:00pm
1544 Broadway, Oakland CA, 94612

SPUR San Jose

November 28 & 30, December 1, 9:00am-5:00pm
76 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113

San Mateo County

November 28-December 1, 9:00am-5:00pm
455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

About Resilient by Design:

Resilient by Design | Bay Area Challenge is a collaborative research and design initiative that connects design leaders to community members, local leaders, and national experts. In a yearlong challenge, 10 Design Teams of landscape architects, engineers, designers, and other experts will work alongside community members and local government to identify critical areas along the San Francisco Bayfront and propose exciting new solutions that will strengthen our region's resilience to sea level rise, severe storms, flooding, and earthquakes.

The Challenge will result in 10 new implementable solutions designed to help communities adapt to the future effects of climate change. These solutions will be designed to improve public access to recreation areas, address housing issues, protect vulnerable infrastructure and strengthen transportation systems.

The Challenge was also modeled on New York [Rebuild by Design](#), a partnership of The Rockefeller Foundation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Challenge will forge close ties with 100 Resilient Cities, a network pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation, of which San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley are members. 100 Resilient Cities is seeking to help 100 cities build resilience to thrive in 21st-century.

The Resilient by Design Executive Board is made up of leaders around the region representing governments, agencies, nonprofits and advocacy groups throughout the Bay Area. The Rockefeller Foundation is providing major funding for this effort, along with other generous funders including The California State Coastal Conservancy, Bay Area Regional Collaborative, The Seed Fund, Santa Clara Valley Water District, City and County of San Francisco, Resources Legacy Fund, Marin Community Foundation, Pacific Gas and Electric, and Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Learn more at www.resilientbayarea.org.

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