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Dear President Biden and Vice President Harris:

As Mayor of the Atherton City Council, I write to urge you to support the protection and restoration of the San Francisco Bay's waters and wetlands, particularly those 1,365 acres of salt ponds in Redwood City owned by Cargill Point, Inc. (Salt Ponds).

Our City Council unanimously requests that your Administration comply with an order by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (District Court) that the Salt Ponds are, in fact, subject to the U.S. Clean Water Act (CWA). We further request that your Administration works to restore the CWA and protect the San Francisco Bay, including the Salt Ponds, and that you withdraw the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appeal of the District Court's decision in San Francisco Baykeeper et al v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [C 10-05941] and accelerate compliance with the court's order that EPA make a new determination of jurisdiction for the Salt Ponds under the CWA.

We strongly urge you to uphold federal environmental laws and protect clean water and wetlands by directing the EPA to withdraw its appeal and implement the District Court order to provide a legally sound jurisdictional determination.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Lewis
Mayor
Town of Atherton
On Behalf of the Atherton City Council