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Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing an environmental investigation and cleanup at three adjacent properties, owned by three separate and distinct property owners, located at 1601 Mariposa Street, 1677 Mariposa Street, and 485-497 Carolina Street in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California 94107 (Site). The Site is located in the Potrero Hill neighborhood, and is approximately 3.36 acre. It is located in a mixed commercial and residential area and has been used for commercial use. A prospective purchaser for the Site, Related/Mariposa Development Company, is proposing a residential development on the three properties.

The 1601 Mariposa Street Property is a single-story building consisting of a retail store, warehouse, and offices totaling approximately 54,360 square feet which is occupied by MacKenzie Warehouse. The operation includes a storage, retail sale, and distribution of automotive parts and supplies. The 1677 Mariposa Street Property is a single-story warehouse building, small single-story portable trailer used as an office building, and asphalt-paved parking lot. Coach 21 Charter Bus Company uses the property to park buses, minor bus maintenance and bus cleaning. The 485-497 Carolina Street Property is a single-story commercial building that is divided into six suites.

Environmental investigations have detected elevated levels of gasoline, diesel, and motor oil in soil near three historic underground storage tanks (USTs) located on the 1601 Mariposa Street Property. Volatile organic compounds, including benzene, were detected in soil gas and groundwater near the historic USTs. In 1986 the USTs were closed in place and are still present at the Site. Arsenic, lead and nickel, exceeding screening levels, have been detected at multiple locations at 1601 and 1677 Mariposa Street Properties.

We are requesting your participation in gathering information and assessing community interest in this Site as part of our Public Participation Program. Your response to the enclosed Community Survey will help DTSC determine the level of community interest and any future community outreach activities.

For questions regarding the Community Survey, please contact Tammy Pickens, Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3594, 1-866-495-5651 toll free, or by email at [Tammy.Pickens@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Tammy.Pickens@dtsc.ca.gov). For general project questions, please contact Tom Lanphar, Project Manager, at (510) 540-3776, or [Tom.Lanphar@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Lanphar@dtsc.ca.gov). For all media related questions contact Russ Edmondson, Public Information Officer, at (916) 323-3372, or [Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov). Please complete and return the enclosed Community Survey by **April 2, 2014**.

Sincerely,

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DTSC Public Participation Specialist

