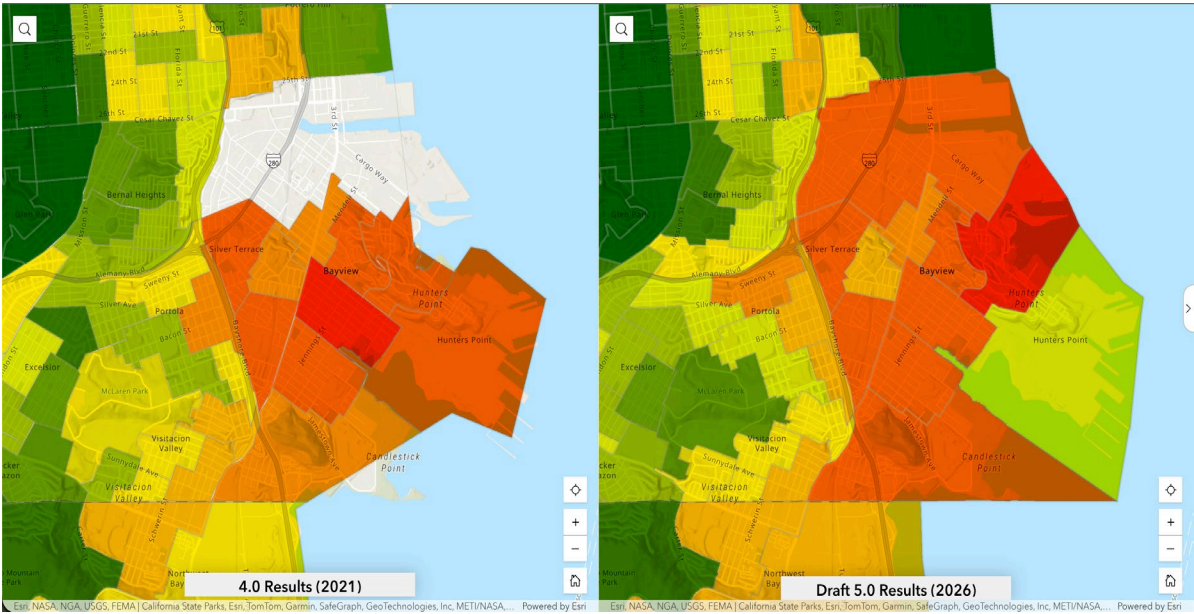


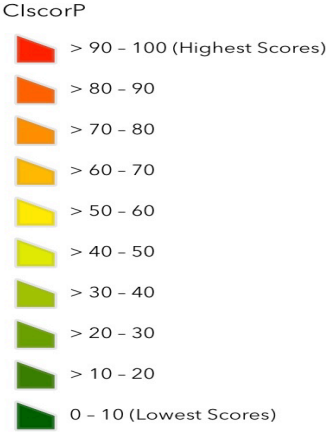
“WHAT IS ‘GREEN’ ABOUT HUNTERS POINT?”

CalEnviroScreen 5.0, Redevelopment Pressure, and the Fight Over Who Gets Counted

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CalEnviroScreen Percentile



San Francisco documented environmental racism. The State built tools to measure it.

Now, as redevelopment accelerates in Hunters Point, a new map raises a deeper question: what happens when the data no longer reflects the lived reality?

I want to be clear here.

I don't think there are very many people in Bayview–Hunters Point who are aware how detrimental this newly proposed 5.0 map could be.

The Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Brightline Defense, the Committee to Bridge the Gap, and journalists like Greg Schwartz and myself have been silently watching.

April 1, 2026 was the deadline for public comment on these maps, and the public can view my submitted comment (link below) on the proposed 5.0 map.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oVwix9ku5BPzJv-dn-52qN4R_rEfxR_G/view?usp=drivesdk

I feel it is my duty to educate our community on this topic to promote dialogue.

They didn't remove the pollution. They removed the measurement. And in Bayview–Hunters Point, that distinction is not semantic. It is structural. If contamination is increasing—what is “Green” about Hunters Point? That is a governance question now part of the public record.

In Part 1, we established the record: environmental racism acknowledged, health disparities documented, and radiological fraud prosecuted.

<https://share.google/W3upCjLJfh9uIr68k>

In Part 2, we examined enforcement: oversight exists, matters, and is being debated.

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In Part 3, we confront measurement itself.

Hunters Point remains adjacent to a federal Superfund site. Radiological contamination is embedded in its history. Asthma, birth outcomes, and cumulative exposure indicators remain elevated.

There is a growing body of concern that modeled outcomes in CalEnviroScreen 5.0 do not align with observed conditions on the ground, particularly near the Shipyard.

CalEnviroScreen 5.0 reflects a significant decline in diesel particulate matter, yet there have been no major reductions in truck traffic, industrial activity, or freight movement.

This raises a critical question: what changed on the ground?

In communities like Bayview–Hunters Point, legacy contamination can suppress activity while risk remains. A model based on current emissions can mistake reduced activity for reduced danger.

CalEnviroScreen 5.0 does not meaningfully include radiological contamination or cancer burden indicators tied to environmental exposure. What is not measured does not count. What does not count does not trigger protection.

Hunters Point is also one of the most significant redevelopment zones in San Francisco, with projects advanced by FivePoint Holdings (fka Lennar Corporation).

Redevelopment is not the issue. But redevelopment advancing alongside unresolved contamination and shifting environmental classifications warrant scrutiny.

In communities undergoing redevelopment, data is not just descriptive—it is determinative. Stakeholders have raised concerns about “false greening”—where statistical outputs suggest improvement while burdens remain.

If a community is reclassified, environmental justice protections, funding, and regulatory attention may all decline. The record is clear. The question is whether the system reflects that reality.

CalEnviroScreen remains a critical tool. These concerns do not diminish its value—they underscore the need for refinement. If Hunters Point remains burdened, the question becomes: what changed in the data that did not change in reality? If the system fails to measure what is present, it will fail to protect those who live with it.

The issue has never been whether they knew. It is whether systems are operating in alignment—or in contradiction.

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