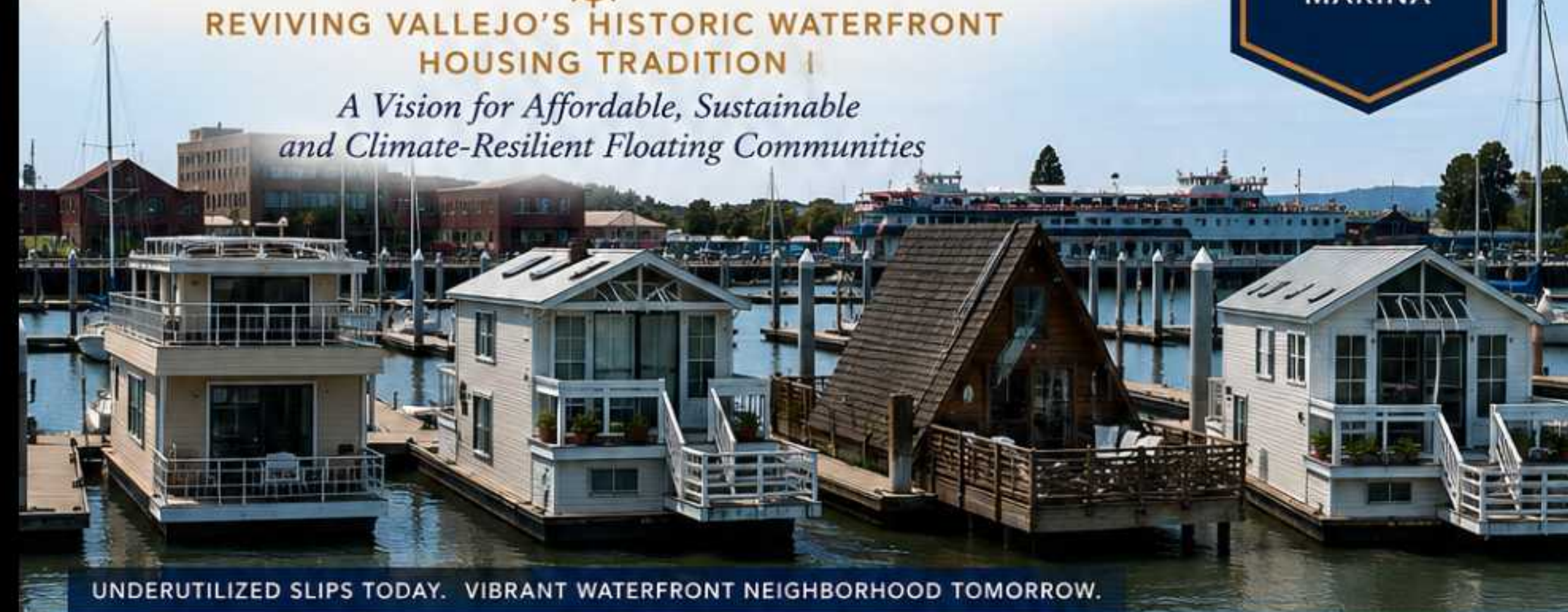


VALLEJO WATERFRONT ARKS

REVIVING VALLEJO'S HISTORIC WATERFRONT
HOUSING TRADITION |

*A Vision for Affordable, Sustainable
and Climate-Resilient Floating Communities*



UNDERUTILIZED SLIPS TODAY. VIBRANT WATERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD TOMORROW.

A CONCEPT
PROPOSAL
FOR THE
VALLEJO
PUBLIC
MARINA

A RETURN TO OUR HERITAGE

More than a century ago, floating homes called "arks" were part of San Francisco Bay life—including right here in Vallejo. Homes still exist on Wilson Avenue as a reminder of our waterfront history.

Let's revive this tradition for a new generation.



Vallejo Waterfront, circa 1921
(National Archives)

OUR HISTORY. OUR OPPORTUNITY.



An ark in Richardson Bay, circa 1900
(Albert S. Hunt, 1905)



Surviving arks on Wilson Avenue,
Vallejo, California



UNDERUTILIZED MARINA SLIPS = A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY

Preliminary visual count:

441

TOTAL SLIPS
(VISUAL COUNT)

179

APPROX.
OCCUPIED

262

APPROX.
EMPTY SLIPS

41%

OCCUPANCY
(APPROX.)

Preliminary estimates based on aerial photos. Official marina inventory needed.

A VARIETY OF HOMES. A DISTINCTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD.



THE VALLEJO COTTAGE
Compact & efficient



SAUSALITO-STYLE ARK
Spacious & comfortable



A-FRAME ARK
Creative & iconic



FAMILY ARK
Room to grow

WHY FLOATING HOMES MAKE SENSE FOR VALLEJO



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Below-market ownership and rental opportunities for working families, seniors and first-time buyers.



CLIMATE-RESILIENT

Homes rise with the water and are built to withstand sea level rise, storms and flooding.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Energy-efficient design, solar power, water conservation and low-impact materials.



STRONGER COMMUNITY

A waterfront neighborhood with shared spaces, local culture, public access and community pride.



ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Creates local jobs, supports marine trades and brings new activity to our waterfront businesses.

A PHASED PLAN FOR SUCCESS

1

FEASIBILITY

Inventory, engineering, and standards

2

PILOT PROGRAM

Launch 10–20 floating homes

3

CONSTRUCTION

Build with local marine contractors

4

EVALUATION

Measure results & community impact

5

EXPANSION

Grow the community responsibly



Together,
WE CAN BUILD A
STRONGER VALLEJO.

A CONCEPT PROPOSAL BY
Chris Platzer
FOR VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL



LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

ChrisPlatzer.com

FOLLOW CHRISPLATZER1 ON TIKTOK