

Places of the Bay Area is a Bay Area-wide initiative to inspire residents in creating and sharing stories about the various places in our lives. Place stories are an everyday take on your experiences with places of the Bay Area—focused on personal connections to the place we call home.

What is a Place Story?

Through the Places of the Bay Area Initiative, we will invite thoughts, expressions, visuals and prose to capture the essence of a place in the Bay Area from residents' unique perspective. The place can be exciting, inspiring, impressive or dull. We are most interested in the emotional connection residents feel with the place and how they envision this place as part of their community in the future. Place story requirements:

- **The place you write about needs to exist or have existed in the Bay Area**
- **Maximum 500 words (poetry, prose, etc. welcomed!)**
- **All writing must be accompanied by at least 1 image: a photograph, drawing, or other image (max. 5)**



How to Participate:



1 Tell us about your community and take a quick photo!

Grab a prompt to tell us what you love or want to change about a place in your community or elsewhere in the Bay Area. Then, step in front of the camera and click a quick photo. We may feature your feedback or post your photo on our website or social media pages!



2 Write a place story!

Take time to write a place story today, or take the prompt home and send us what you create later (just email it to vinitag@abag.ca.gov). We may feature your place story on our website or social media channels!

Prompts to consider:

- The place I go to get inspired.
- The place where I feel most at home.
- The place that makes me think - I love you, Bay Area - every time.



3 Connect with us online!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Tumblr and tag us with your photos or place stories. We may feature your place story by reposting!

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