

HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD

POST-WAR CULTURAL REVOLUTION

In 1966, after being largely neglected for almost two decades, the residents of Bayview-Hunters Point took to the streets in what became known as the "Hunters Point Uprising". The 128-hour demonstration involved a standoff between residents and the California National Guard, and is considered the most significant event in San Francisco's civil rights struggle.



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The rejuvenation created more than 4,000 jobs, many of which are filled by residents of the Bayview-Hunters Point. Leading the community's growth and rejuvenation were "The Big Five": Elouise Westbrook, Julia Commer, Rosalie Williams, Bertha Freeman and Osceola Washington.

The civic uprising helped facilitate a \$150 million grant for Bayview-Hunters Point community to use at its discretion. The residents elected to build 3,000 new homes, and transform the former Butchertown area into the India Basin Industrial Park.



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