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Redo Treasure Island Plan, Experts Say

A team of prominent planners and developers has urged the city to scrap proposals for housing and movie industry on Treasure Island when the Navy leaves next year.

Instead, the island should be developed mostly for entertainment and recreation, and should include a golf course and theme park, the 11-member team brought in by the Redevelopment Agency said.

The group recommended tearing down the 900 housing units on the island. The experts said that housing is too private a use for what should be a public space, and that shoring up the island to make it earthquake-safe for housing would be too expensive.

A current plan for Treasure Island, tentatively approved by the city for after the Navy leaves Sept. 30, 1997, calls for 1,100 units of housing. Of those, 375 are to be set aside for the homeless.