How are other cities treating their industrial land?

The Planning Department has investigated what other cities are doing to protect their industrial land and PDR-type businesses. The table below shows the results of that analysis for cities that are facing similar land pressures to those in San Francisco. It highlights the two typical strategies employed to help sustain this sector: zoning controls that protect some industrial areas, and business assistance that directly goes to support PDR-type businesses. The table shows that all identified cities are engaged in some level of zoning protection and business assistance, and that the measures proposed in San Francisco are generally similar to those in other U.S. cities. Sources for this information were municipal zoning codes, as well as documentation provided by various local and state agencies and non-profit groups involved in business assistance.

For a more in-depth analysis of how other cities are treating their industrial lands, please refer to this document published in March of 2007 by the City of Seattle's Department of Planning and Development:

CITY	ZONING CONTROLS				BUSINESS ASSISTANCE		
	Industrial Protection Zoning	Housing	Office	Retail	Financial	Technical	Workforce Development
SAN FRANCISCO***	Yes	NP	P**	P**	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boston, MA	Yes	NP*	NP*	NP*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chicago, IL	Yes	NP	P	P	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleveland, OH	Yes	NP	NP*	NP*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Los Angeles, CA	Yes	C	C	C	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minneapolis, MN	Yes	NP	P	NP*	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York, NY	Yes	NP*	P	NP*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oakland, CA	Yes	NP	P	P	Yes	Yes	Yes
Philadelphia, PA	Yes	NP	P*	NP	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portland, OR	Yes	C	C	C	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seattle, WA	Yes	NP	NP	NP	Yes	Yes	Yes

P Permitted
NP Not Permitted
C Permitted under certain conditions
* in some subset of industrial districts. Less restrictive zoning may apply in other industrial districts.
** with significant restrictions
*** Proposed. Under current zoning non-industrial uses are permitted under certain conditions in San Francisco's industrial areas.