



center for diversity & the environment

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To Whom It May Concern,

We at the Center for Diversity & the Environment (CDE) enthusiastically support the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's Presidio Exchange (PX) project. As the leading national organization that facilitates the co-creation of a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive environmental movement, CDE has worked with thousands of institutions across the country and none have matched the potential for being a lead diverse cultural and environmental hub as the PX. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is an organization with not only a track record of success in the diversity realm but continues to look for opportunities to blaze new trails for the environmental movement. The PX embodies their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Bringing together an array of partners and working in an inclusive manner, will allow the PX project to attract the cultural diversity and richness of what the Bay Area, California, the nation, and the world have to offer. This inclusive approach will lead to the badly needed fresh, vital, innovative, and cross-disciplinary solutions to the immense societal and environmental challenges our community, nation, and world face today.

We are extremely excited to think about the potential pioneering ideas, concepts, and projects that the PX will birth. As an organization that envisions a future where equity and diversity and the environment are inextricably linked and where these values are integrated into everything we do as a society, CDE is excited to support PX, bringing our own innovative and groundbreaking programs to the hub and working hand in hand with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the diverse array of partners to co-create new, fresh, and relevant solutions for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marcelo Bonta'.

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About the Center for Diversity & the Environment

The Center for Diversity & the Environment racially and ethnically diversifies the U.S. environmental movement by developing leaders, diversifying institutions, and building community. We envision a healthy, flourishing planet and society that sustainably and equitably meets the needs of all its inhabitants through an environmental movement that is diverse, inclusive, successful, vibrant, and relevant, taking into account the needs, perspectives, and voices of all. By serving as an advocate, strategist, convener, connector, and educator for diversifying the environmental movement, the Center for Diversity & the Environment is building a movement of leaders and institutions representing a broad cross-section of environmental issues that are dedicated to a more inclusive and unified movement. Since 2008, we have directly served thousands of leaders and organizations.