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Presidio Trust Board of Directors  
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Dear Members of the Presidio Trust Board:

As a leading champion of the places that make the Bay Area special, Greenbelt Alliance is proud to endorse the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's Presidio Exchange (PX) as the best proposed use of the Commissary site in the Presidio.

Greenbelt Alliance and the Parks Conservancy share key core objectives and values: preserving vibrant, healthy public places, ensuring that these places are accessible and relevant to broadly diverse communities, contributing to the Bay Area quality of life, and accomplishing our work through collaboration and thoughtful, long-term partnerships.

We admire the work of the Parks Conservancy, and its projects and programs throughout the Golden Gate National Parks: restoring Crissy Field and establishing the Crissy Field Center, achieving the revitalization of Lands End, renewing Presidio trails and overlooks, guiding the preservation of Fort Baker, preserving habitats at Mori Point and Muir Beach, and engaging 35,000 volunteers annually in the parks. These efforts have all engaged generous philanthropy, attracted energetic community participation, maximized partnerships, and produced the best results for our National Parks and for the public that loves them.

We believe the Presidio Exchange is the most appropriate use of the Commissary's tremendous site on the edge of Crissy Field and at the center of vibrant new connections between the waterfront and the Presidio's Main Post. The site has great power to attract and inspire people, and it deserves a use that is integrally connected to its surroundings, draws from the Bay Area's dynamic drive to innovate and create, and remains responsive to community interests and needs. The PX will offer programs that represent the best of the Bay Area across themes of culture, nature, art and history in ways that

are very authentic to Crissy Field and the Presidio, which are among the Bay Area's greatest public places.

It is our recommendation that you select the Presidio Exchange as the preferred use of the Commissary site.

Sincerely,



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