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

Of the three proposals which are now under your consideration for the Commissary site at Crissy Field, I find that the park-based cultural center proposed by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the **Presidio Exchange (PX) proposal, is by far the best.**

Why? Because this proposal embraces so much of what San Francisco and the Bay means to residents of the region as well as to visitors from around the world.

The historic and cultural aspects which will be emphasized in the **PX proposal** are incomparable~ impact of our native peoples, discovery of the Bay by the Spanish, history as a transportation hub and locale for strategic emplacement of defense structures. Views from the Commissary site are spellbinding: the Golden Gate Bridge, the Bay and views of lands across the bay. These should all be shared with the public as befitting the Presidio's role in this nation's incredible National Park system.

There's much more, which the **PX proposal** holds in promise for people, by way of offering a venue for art and creativity and outdoor gathering spaces. This proposal settles so well into the important natural backdrop of the Presidio itself, taking advantage of recent improvements such as to Crissy Field and other landscaping restoration measures.

Please choose the Presidio Exchange (PX) proposal which the Golden Gate Natural Parks Conservancy has offered to you.

Sincerely,

Beverly Lipman