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Board of Directors, Presidio Trust
103 Montgomery Street, PO Box 29052
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RE: Presidio Commissary site proposals

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) has been actively engaged since 1989 in assisting, first, the U.S. Army, then the National Park Service and Presidio Trust, in the mission to manage the natural resources of the Presidio. We have been heartened by the many inspiring projects the National Park Service and Presidio Trust have instituted, with the consequence that the resources are in better shape now than they were 25 years ago.

We place a very high value on the native organisms and processes themselves, and they are given extra value because of their historic nature: It was here, in the voyages of Captain Vancouver in 1792 and the Rurik in 1816, that many of the type specimens of California plants and animals were collected. Beyond that, the richness of the Presidio's legacy needs dissemination to the public, and CNPS is keen about its being conveyed to a broad audience. In this regard we place great trust in the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, based on its record. We are familiar with its PX proposal, its innovative nature, and its flexibility in phasing in design and implementation over a period of time. That is very important in these times of volatile change, rife with exciting creative thinking and ideas.

We hope the Trust Board will approve the Conservancy's PX proposal.

Sincerely,

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