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Subject: Letter in support for the Commissary's PX proposal for the Commissary

To: commissary@presidiotrust.gov

Dear Presidio Trust Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Conservancy's PX proposal for the Commissary.

As a member of the Cow Hollow Association and as a delegate to NAPP, I have come to realize what an important decision this is for the Trust. (Please note that both the Cow Hollow Association and NAPP support the Conservancy's proposal.)

The Conservancy's proposal has been thoughtfully developed specifically within the parameters set by the Trust, and for the specific geography of the site. It is a very exciting proposal, which is outward looking, in both concept and architecture. The people who are attracted to the PX, will, in turn, be attracted to the park.

The Lucas proposal, in contract, was not developed to fulfill the parameters set by the Trust, and does not fulfill those needs. The Lucas facility is self-contained. It does not relate to the park. Those who come to view the art collection will be drawn in. They will not be drawn out.

Additionally, Lucas' proposal could be located anywhere. It does not need to be in a national park. And for that reason, it should not be in a national park. A national park should be reserved for park-like activities.

A park-like activity should be a departure from the hubbub of our busy urban life. Park-like activities include enjoying nature, learning about native plants, taking walks, having picnics, learning about the history of the area...and making a "pit stop" in a facility which teaches and encourages the park-goers in these endeavors. That is the definition of the PX. The PX is for all of us.

Sincerely,

Louise Bea