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

I am pleased to provide this letter support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's proposal for the Presidio Commissary site, and for the programs envisioned by the Presidio Exchange (PX).

As the Executive Director of one of premiere Japanese American institutions in the country, the National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc. I know how an institution whose programs are rooted not only in history, but in environmental education can provide relevant and tangible experiences to students throughout the Northern California region. The NJAHS and The Parks Conservancy – has had a long-term partnership as park partners. Under my tenure, we've co-sponsored many events such as the Community Campfire with the Crissy Field Center. We know it is well-known and respected in the Bay Area.

We believe the Parks Conservancy's PX proposal is very good fit for the Park's mission and for this site. In addition to supporting the connection of school children and young people to their parks, we feel the Parks Conservancy will be a tremendous resource to families from local communities and from around the world, providing workshops, performances, exhibits and ties to park-wide programs that draw from its national park setting. As a future neighbor of the NJAHS's Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center at Building 640, we look forward to working collaboratively on future publicly-accessible interpretative programs for this area along Crissy Field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rosalyn Tonai", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Rosalyn Tonai
Executive Director, NJAHS