

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
90 7th Street
Suite 2-800
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Re: Request For Funding for ***Building Education & Cultural Placekeepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery, San Francisco, California (District 12)***

We are requesting funding in fiscal year 2022 for the ***Building Education & Cultural Placekeepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery, San Francisco, California (District 12)***. The project will greatly benefit California's 12th Congressional District by ensuring the financial viability and completion of a host of community serving spaces located in buildings being developed by MEDA.

MEDA is requesting funding to support tenant improvements at three physical sites: Casa Adelante-2060 Folsom, Casa Adelante-1990 Folsom and Plaza Adelante. This project is led by the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) in collaboration with with an additional several other non-profit partners: PODER, Youth Speaks/First Exposures, Felton Institute, HOMEY, and Galeria de la Raza. These non-profits are all rooted in the Mission District, San Francisco, serving the low-moderate income families and youth.

Immediately, the community services provided by the non profit organizations included in this proposal will bring a range of benefits to residents, including childcare, arts and culture engagement opportunities, youth development, community organizing and more. In the long run, this project will ensure long-term viability of these community partners by creating a permanent home for their services in San Francisco's Mission District.

In advance, we appreciate your consideration of this request for funding in fiscal year 2022.

Sincerely,



Luis Granados
CEO, Mission Economic Development Agency

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 7



City and County of San Francisco

MYRNA MELGAR

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
90 7th Street
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San Francisco, CA 94103

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Sincerely,

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Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 9



City and County of San Francisco

HILLARY RONEN

March 25, 2021

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
90 7th Street; Suite 2-800
San Francisco, CA 94103

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I am writing to express my strong support for the Building Education & Cultural Placekeepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery, San Francisco, California (District 12) Community Project proposed by Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) for the FY 2022 through the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative (HUD EDI).

As Supervisor of District 9 serving the Mission, Portola, and Bernal Heights neighborhoods of San Francisco, I am committed to addressing the extraordinary challenges my district faces in lack of services for low-income residents and in displacement of existing communities. In the Mission district in particular, we continue to face the obliteration of the very culture and the diversity that have made the Mission a safe and welcoming place for immigrants and low-income families and workers, as well as such a popular destination for newcomers and tourists. Over the past several years, my office has worked with MEDA and other community-based organizations, with the goal of supporting a thriving Mission that is home to low and moderate income residents and small businesses, a place for families, arts and culture, and nonprofit community organizations.

Funding through this initiative will benefit California's 12th Congressional District by leveraging other public and private dollars to support tenant improvements to provide new long-term homes to eight of the Mission's anchor service and culture organization on the ground floors of two new affordable housing developments that are now completing construction -- Casa Adelante-2060 Folsom, Casa Adelante-1990 Folsom -- and in Plaza Adelante, MEDA's headquarters and home to several nonprofit community-based organizations.

The eight nonprofit partners who will be housed in these new spaces include: Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, PODER, Youth Speaks/First Exposures, Felton Institute, HOMEY, Galeria de la Raza, and MEDA. The services they provide include affordable childcare, environmental justice, arts and culture, youth leadership development, community engagement, and more.

I enthusiastically support this proposal and will be grateful for your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor Hillary Ronen
District 9, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

President, Board of Supervisors
District 10



City and County of San Francisco

SHAMANN WALTON

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March 25, 2021

The Honorable House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Letter of Support for the Building Education & Cultural Placekeepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery in San Francisco

Dear Honorable House Speaker Pelosi:

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Shamann Walton
President, Board of Supervisors



March 25, 2021

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the San Francisco Latino Parity and Equity Coalition (SFLPEC), we are writing to express our strong support for the ***Building Education & Cultural Placekeepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery, San Francisco, California (District 12)*** Community Project proposed by the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) for the FY 2022 fiscal year through the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative (HUD EDI). If funded, this project will greatly benefit California's 12th Congressional District by ensuring the financial viability and completion of a host of community serving spaces located in buildings being developed by MEDA. MEDA is proposing to provide funding to support tenant improvements at three physical sites: Casa Adelante-2060 Folsom, Casa Adelante-1990 Folsom, Plaza Adelante, in partnership with 8 non profit partners: Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, PODER, Youth Speaks/First Exposures, Felton Institute, HOMEY, Galería de la Raza, and MEDA. The community services provided by non profit tenants will bring a range of benefits to residents, including childcare, arts and culture engagement opportunities, youth development, community organizing and more. Furthermore, the implementation of this project will ensure long term viability of the non profits involved by creating a permanent home for their services in the Mission community.

SFLPEC member organizations represent over 900 employees, \$90 Million in revenue and 80,000 people served every year. We are composed of agencies that work in 6 distinct programmatic areas: Arts & Culture, Housing, Health & Wellness, Workforce Development & Small Business, Education, and Immigrant Social Services. SFLPEC collaborates year-round to create solutions for Latinx families living in the Bayview,



Excelsior, Mission, Tenderloin and Visitation Valley. Collectively, our member organizations represent over a century of experience serving the needs of San Francisco's Latino community.

Half of the proposed beneficiaries of this proposal are active SFLPEC members and will greatly benefit from this funding. We are confident in MEDA's ability to implement the proposed scope of work and complete the project within the proposed fiscal year. We sincerely and urgently hope that you consider this impactful Community Project for funding in FY 2022.

Sincerely,

Jaime J. Aragon, Chair
Catherine Marroquin
Rafael Moreno
Ani Rivera
SFLPEC Concilio

On behalf of SFLPEC Member Organizations:

Accion Latina , Calle 24 Latino Cultural District , Central American Resource Center --CARECEN of Northern CA, Catholic Charities , Centro Latino de San Francisco, Inc., Colectivo del Rescate Cultural , Dolores St. Community Services, EL/LA Para TransLatinas, Excelsior Works! , Galería de la Raza, Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, Horizons Unlimited, Jamestown Community Center, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, La Raza Community Resource Center, Marigold Project, Mission Economic Development Agency, Mission Education Project, Inc (MEPI), Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, Mission Housing Development Corporation, Mission Graduates, Mission Language Vocational School (MLVS), Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc. (MNC), Mission Neighborhood Health Center (MNHC), PODER, and The Women's Building



March 24th, 2021

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
90 7th Street
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San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Letter of Support for MEDA's Building Education & Cultural Placekeepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery

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As a partner and supporter of MEDA and the nonprofit organization tenants requesting funding, I am confident in their ability to implement the proposed scope of work and complete the project within the proposed fiscal year. I sincerely hope that you consider this impactful Community Project for funding in FY 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 713-7872 or by email yquiroz@felton.org if you have questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

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Yohana Quiroz, EdDc
Chief Operations Officer
Felton Institute

March 25, 2021

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
90 7th Street, Suite 2-800
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Please accept Good Samaritan's enthusiastic support for the Building Education & Cultural Place keepers Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery, San Francisco, California (District 12), a community project proposed by the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) for fiscal year 2022 through the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative (HUD EDI). If funded, this project will greatly benefit California's 12th Congressional District by ensuring the financial viability and completion of a host of community serving spaces located in buildings developed by MEDA.

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This project will provide critical community services provided by nonprofit tenants including subsidized childcare for low-income families, arts and culture engagement opportunities, youth development, community organizing. Furthermore, the implementation of this project will also provide the long-term stabilization of the nonprofit beneficiaries by creating permanent spaces for their services in the Mission district community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your leadership and support of this important project.

Sincerely,



Mario Paz
Executive Director



Executive Director
Mario Paz

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March 25, 2021

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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We are writing to share our collective support for the Building Education & Cultural Placekeeper Spaces in COVID-19 Recovery, San Francisco, California (District 12) Community Project proposed by the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) for the FY 2022 fiscal year through the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative (HUD EDI).

If funded, this project will greatly benefit California's 12th Congressional District by ensuring the financial viability and completion of a host of community serving spaces located in buildings being developed by MEDA that due to Covid, are at risk of not meeting their fundraising goals. MEDA is proposing to provide funding to support tenant improvements at three physical sites: Casa Adelante-2060 Folsom, Casa Adelante-1990 Folsom, Plaza Adelante, in partnership with 8 nonprofit partners: Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, PODER, Youth Speaks/First Exposures, Felton Institute, HOMEY, Galería de la Raza, and MEDA. The community services provided by nonprofit tenants provide a range of benefits to residents, including childcare, arts and culture engagement opportunities, youth development, community organizing and more. Furthermore, the implementation of this project will ensure long term viability of the nonprofits involved by creating a permanent home for their services in the Mission community.

Five of the eight organizations named in the project are part of the coalition to Sustain Mission Arts, Culture & Communities (SMACC), which was founded in 2019 by nonprofit organizations deeply rooted in San Francisco's Mission District at risk of displacement. SMACC organizations actively connect and empower more than 75,000 youth and adults each year to build leadership, cultural pride, and inclusiveness for diverse communities in the Mission District. SMACC's founding organizations are Dance Mission Theater, Galería De La Raza, HOMEY (Homies Organizing the Mission to Empower Youth), and PODER (People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights). SMACC has grown since its founding and is now joined by Youth Speaks and First Exposures, both of whom transform the lives of young people through arts practice. SMACC organizations have played vital roles in the Mission District for several decades.



On behalf of SMACC, we support the project and the impact it will have for generations to come to sustain a culturally rich community that is the epicenter of the displacement of low-income residents, arts and cultural venues and nonprofit organizations. This project affords the long term sustainability and continuation of our work as our community recovers from the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on our largely Latinx Mission District community.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Brown

Chair
San Francisco Latino Task Force

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Sincerely,

Erica Lorraine Webb

Erica Lorraine Webb | she/her | [Our Classroom](#)
The Tech Academy at De Anza High School

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Sincerely,

Dr. Ajuan Mance
Professor of English and Ethnic Studies
Dean of Digital Learning
Mills College
Oakland, CA

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Sincerely,

Stacey Lewis
City Lights Booksellers & Publishers

Stacey Lewis, Vice President
Director of Publicity, Marketing and Sales

City Lights Booksellers and Publishers
261 Columbus Ave, San Francisco, CA 94133
citylights.com

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Bettina Glenning

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Sincerely,

Lauren Bullock

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Jean Caiani

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Michele Agid Brock

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Sincerely,

Name

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