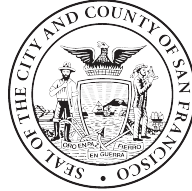


Member, Board of Supervisors  
District 8



City and County of San Francisco

## RAFAEL MANDELMAN

April 20, 2021

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

Dear Madam Speaker,

I am writing to express my strong support for San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Appropriations Community Project Request, "Mental Health & Substance Use Services for Long Term Survivors of HIV/AIDS."

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SFAF has one of the largest social support programs for people living with HIV over the age of 50 in the country. Now, more than ever, additional resources are needed to fortify Long Term Survivor health and wellness. In my role as San Francisco's District 8 Supervisor, I rely on SFAF's lifesaving services and programs as a critical component of San Francisco and California's HIV/AIDS and behavioral health fabric.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Rafael Mandelman  
Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

# California Legislature

April 22, 2021

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

Dear Madam Speaker,

As the three members of the San Francisco State Legislative delegation, we are writing to express our strong support for San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Appropriations Community Project Request, "Mental Health & Substance Use Services for Long Term Survivors of HIV/AIDS."

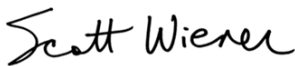
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Thank you for your consideration of our request and long-time support for people living with HIV.

Respectfully,



Scott Wiener  
Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District



Philip Y. Ting  
Assemblymember, 19<sup>th</sup> District



David Chiu  
Assemblymember, 17<sup>th</sup> District

April 21, 2021

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

Dear Madam Speaker,

On behalf of The AIDS Legal Referral Panel, ALRP, I am writing to express our strong support for San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Appropriations Community Project Request, "Mental Health & Substance Use Services for Long Term Survivors of HIV/AIDS."

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Please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Bill Hirsh

Executive Director



April 21, 2021

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

Dear Madam Speaker,

On behalf of PRC, I am writing to express our strong support for San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Appropriations Community Project Request, "Mental Health & Substance Use Services for Long Term Survivors of HIV/AIDS."

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Please contact our Chief of Policy & Communications, Christopher Brown at [Christopher.brown@prcsf.org](mailto:Christopher.brown@prcsf.org) if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett Andrews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brett" being more prominent and the last name "Andrews" following in a similar style.

Brett Andrews  
CEO, PRC