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San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Community Vision to express our enthusiastic support for the City of San Francisco's acquisition of 2280 Market Street for the benefit of GLBT Historical Society.

For years, GLBT Historical Society (GLBT HS) has worked toward creating a full-scale museum of LGBTQ history and culture in San Francisco. Over the past year Community Vision supported the organization on financial analysis, real estate readiness, and pre-development support, in collaboration with Ventura Partners, through our contract with the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD). CV also served as a liaison with City of San Francisco staff and helped connect the client with pre-development grant funds from both MOHCD and the San Francisco Arts Commission. These funds were used to conduct additional due diligence on 2280 Market Street and assess feasibility of a capital campaign.

Throughout our collaboration, GLBT HS has demonstrated exceptional commitment to this project, meeting at least weekly with the extensive team of consultants and experts they have assembled to support them. They have brought vision, passion, collaboration and pragmatism, and resilience to the engagement. We are confident that under the leadership of Roberto Ordeñana the organization is well positioned for this next stage in its evolution.

Acquisition of 2280 Market Street will empower the preservation and celebration of LGBTQ+ history in San Francisco by providing a stable, affordable, and convenient home to its premier steward, GLBT Historical Society. Today, this acquisition will support improved operational efficiency and community visibility for GLBT HS. In time, this acquisition will support the organization's growth into a premier hub for queer history and culture through expanded exhibition, archive, and gathering space.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bornstein

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