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Dear Supervisors Preston, Stefani, and Chan,

On behalf of the French American International School, we write to you in strong support of the 98 Franklin Street development. This project is a unique opportunity to create a world-class academic building for the French American Internal School – a diverse and innovative international school with deep roots in San Francisco and Hayes Valley.

The project sponsor, Related, has made architectural changes to the project involving a 35-foot height increase from 365 feet to 400 feet, providing an opportunity for significant investment in affordable housing. These changes will result in the land dedication of a nearby building site - at no cost to the City - allowing for the construction of a 100% affordable housing complex.

French American International School is committed to this transformative project. While the 98 Franklin project was changing, we used this time to raise significant private money to support a new world-class campus for an academic institution that has served San Francisco for decades. Our school is closed for summer break, and we cannot attend Thursday's Government Audit & Oversight Committee meeting to express our strong support for this project. However, we want to share some of the letters of support linked [here](#), submitted by our community members to the Planning Commission in March 2023.

We applaud Related's commitment to the 98 Franklin development. The changes proposed for the project reflect the changing economic environment in San Francisco post-pandemic and are necessary to move the project ahead so that the City can obtain affordable housing and French American International School can build a new high school.

From the beginning, we have been excited by this project and what it will provide for our community. The proposed development at 98 Franklin is precisely the mixed-use, mixed-income, transit-oriented development that will serve Hayes Valley and San Francisco well in the future. We urge the committee's support of this critical project.

Sincerely,  
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