

**From:** [Ben Mok](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [DPH-sarahw](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [board.of.supervisor@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisor@sfgov.org); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
**Date:** Thursday, April 7, 2022 7:45:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [Portsmouth Bridge - Letter in Support of Revocation.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton,

On behalf of CYC, we'd like to submit a letter of support for the revocation of the street encroachment agreement regarding the Portsmouth Square Bridge.

Regards,

Ben Mok  
Community Relations Manager  
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April 8, 2022

President Shamann Walton  
President Board of Supervisors  
Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM  
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton,

The Community Youth Center of San Francisco strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the "Private Kearny Street Bridge").

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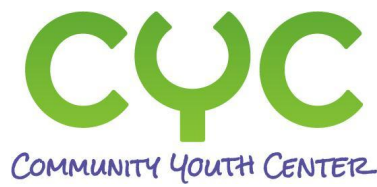
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Wan', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sarah Wan  
*Executive Director*

cc:

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
(via email - [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org))

Lisa Lew  
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**From:** [Maggie Dong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement for Pedestrian Bridge Kearny Street  
**Date:** Thursday, April 7, 2022 10:08:55 AM  
**Attachments:** [Revoking Street Encroachment Agreement TRIP Letter.pdf](#)

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Dear Clerk Angela Calvillo,

I am sending the letter in support for the revocation of street encroachment agreement for the pedestrian bridge on Kearny Street on behalf of Chinatown TRIP. Please see the pdf attached. This is for the public hearing taking place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 3pm, file no. 220327.

Best Regards,

**Maggie Dong** (she/her)

Planner

Chinatown Community Development Center

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Transportation  
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Via Email [shamann.walton@sfgov.org](mailto:shamann.walton@sfgov.org)

April 7, 2022

President Shamann Walton  
Board of Supervisors  
Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102

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Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM  
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton,

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Very Truly Yours,

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Jonathan Hee, Co-Chair of Chinatown TRIP

cc:

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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**From:** [SFChinese Chamber](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Eddie Au](#); [Harlan Wong](#); [SFChinese Chamber](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support Letter-Portsmouth Square Bridge revocation  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 6, 2022 3:16:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement \(2\).pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton,

On behalf of the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, I would like to support of revocation of the street encroachment agreement.

Attached please find a support letter.

Thank you.

Eddie Au  
President



# CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

730 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA 94108  
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Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 6, 2022

President Shamann Walton  
President  
Board of Supervisors  
Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM  
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton:

On behalf of the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, I strongly support the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the "***Private Kearny Street Bridge***").

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Very Truly Yours,

Eddie Au  
President, San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce

cc:

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**From:** [Vicki Lee](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Tan Chow](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** PORTSMOUTH SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 6, 2022 9:47:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Portsmouth Square - 4.5.2022 Support Letter.pdf](#)

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Good Morning President Walton,

I am writing on behalf of Anni Chung and Self-Help for the Elderly to let you know of our support for the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Portsmouth Square is vital to our program operations in the Chinatown community.

Attached please find our letter of support for the project.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important project.

Best Regards,  
Vicki Lee

Vicki Tanabe Lee  
Administrative Coordinator

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Via Email [shamann.walton@sfgov.org](mailto:shamann.walton@sfgov.org)

April 5, 2022

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President  
Board of Supervisors  
Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM  
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton

Self-Help for the Elderly strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the “*Private Kearny Street Bridge*”).

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Self-Help for the Elderly is a community-based organization serving over 40,000 seniors annually throughout the Bay Area. We promote the independence, well-being and dignity of older adults through culturally aligned services and programs. The Chinatown community is our hub and Portsmouth Square is an integral part of our services and programs. The Clubhouse is a convenient gathering place for people who would otherwise have no place to go to receive necessary services. We use the Portsmouth Square Clubhouse extensively to provide classes and activities for the seniors in the community.

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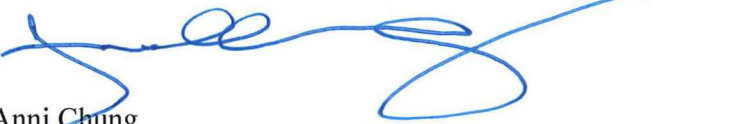
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We strongly request the revoke the Street Encroachment Agreement. It is time for the new vision for Portsmouth Square and build the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Very Truly Yours,



Anni Chung  
President and CEO

cc:

Angela Calvillo  
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**From:** [Langshu Feng](#)  
**To:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [tandchow@gmail.com](mailto:tandchow@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Portsmouth Square Bridge revocation hearing support letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:27:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [Form of Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement 4.5.22.pdf](#)

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Dear President Shamann Walton & Board of Supervisors,

Hope this email finds you well.

This is Langshu Feng, a Technical Assistant with Ping Yuen Resident Improvement Association(PYRIA), sending you a letter in Support of Portsmouth Square Improvement on behalf of PYRIA. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

Best,

Langshu Feng  
Community Organizer  
Chinatown Community Development Center  
663 Clay St, SF, CA 94111  
Tel# 415.984.2731

Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 5, 2022

President Shamann Walton  
President  
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Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
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Ping Yuen Residents Improvement Association  
平園居民聯誼會

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM  
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton

**Ping Yuen Residents Improvement Association (PYRIA)** strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the “*Private Kearny Street Bridge*”).

Founded in 1967, PYRIA is a tenant association that strives to promote positive changes at Ping Yuen through resident involvement, as well as better the living conditions for residents at Ping Yuen and the larger city through active participation and collaboration with our community. PYRIA was one of the first public housing developments in San Francisco to organize and form a tenant association with a total of 434 households.

Portsmouth Square is often referred to as the “living room” of Chinatown. Residents and the community rely on Portsmouth Square as relief from otherwise overcrowded living conditions and as their only access to open space and meeting space. Therefore, many Chinatown residents, including PYRIA members, frequently go to Portsmouth Square and attend activities.

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We strongly request the revoke the Street Encroachment Agreement. It is time for the new vision for Portsmouth Square and build the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Very Truly Yours,



Mrs. Chang Jok Lee  
President of PYRIA

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**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Community Tenants Association - Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:12:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement Community Tenants Association.pdf](#)

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**From:** Community Tenants Association San Francisco <sf\_cta@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:01 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Lew, Lisa (BOS) <lisa.lew@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Community Tenants Association - Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement

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Dear BOS,

Community Tenants Association (CTA) is a grassroots tenant organization that has over 2,600 members who mostly lives in Chinatown. The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is crucial for Chinatown and will be an integral community facility for residents and the revitalization of Chinatown. Therefore, we strongly request the revoke the Street Encroachment Agreement. Please see attached Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
CTA



Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org



April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

President Shamann Walton  
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Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
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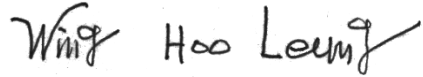
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Very Truly Yours,

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Wing Hoo Leung  
President  
Community Tenants Association

cc:

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**From:** [Karen Chan](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** \*\*\*\* Letter in support of renovation of street Improvement Agreement\*\*\*\*  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:52:32 AM  
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April 5, 2022

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Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
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Very Truly Yours,

**SRO Families United Collaborative**



cc:

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散房家庭团结会

**SRO Families United Collaborative**  
**Collaborativa de Familias Unidas de Hoteles SRO**  
**SRO Samahan ng mga Pamilyang Nagkakais**

Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 5, 2022

President Shamann Walton  
President  
Board of Supervisors  
Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement  
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM  
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton

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The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is crucial for Chinatown and will be an integral community facility for residents and the revitalization of Chinatown.

We strongly request the revoke the Street Encroachment Agreement. It is time for the new vision for Portsmouth Square and build the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Very Truly Yours,

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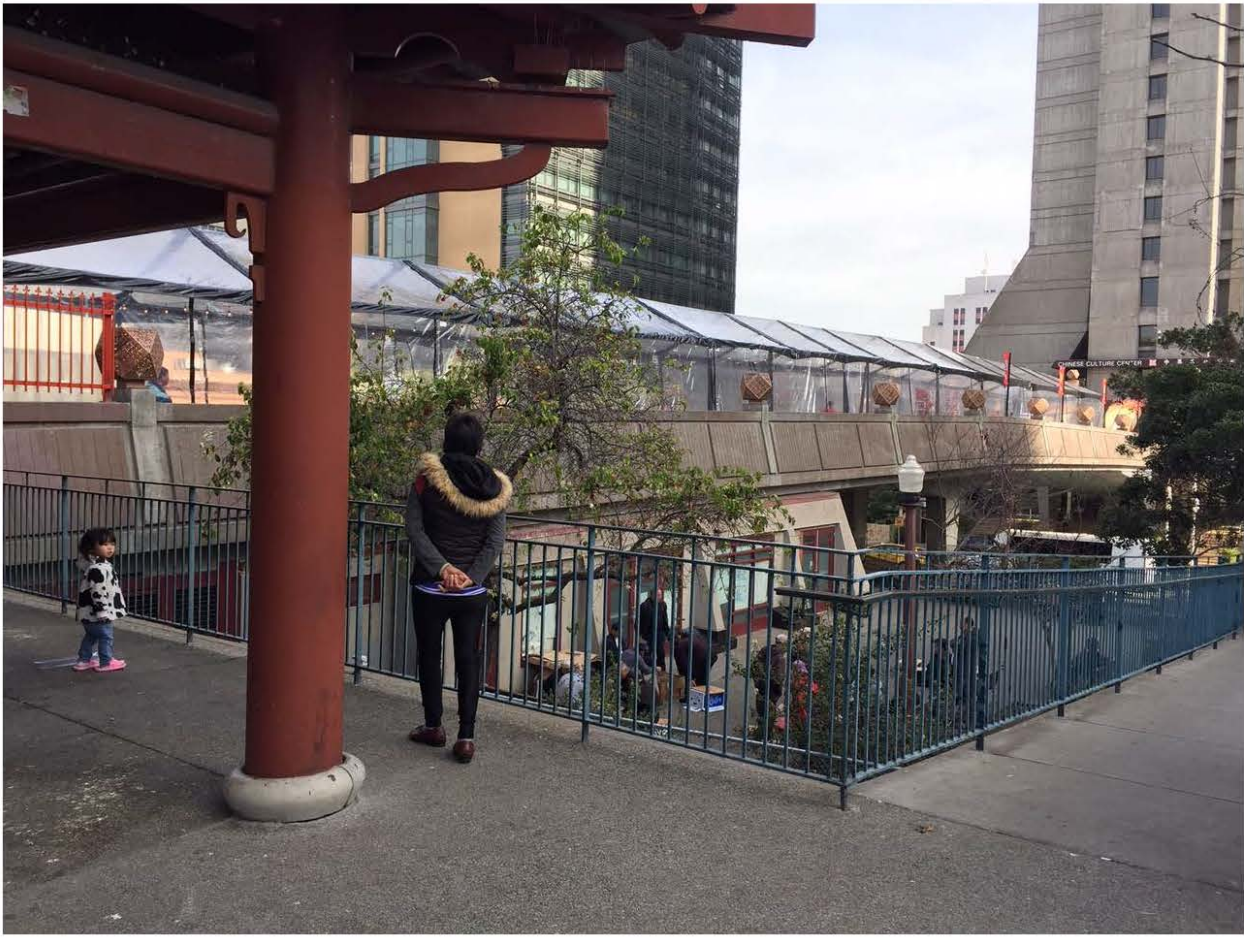
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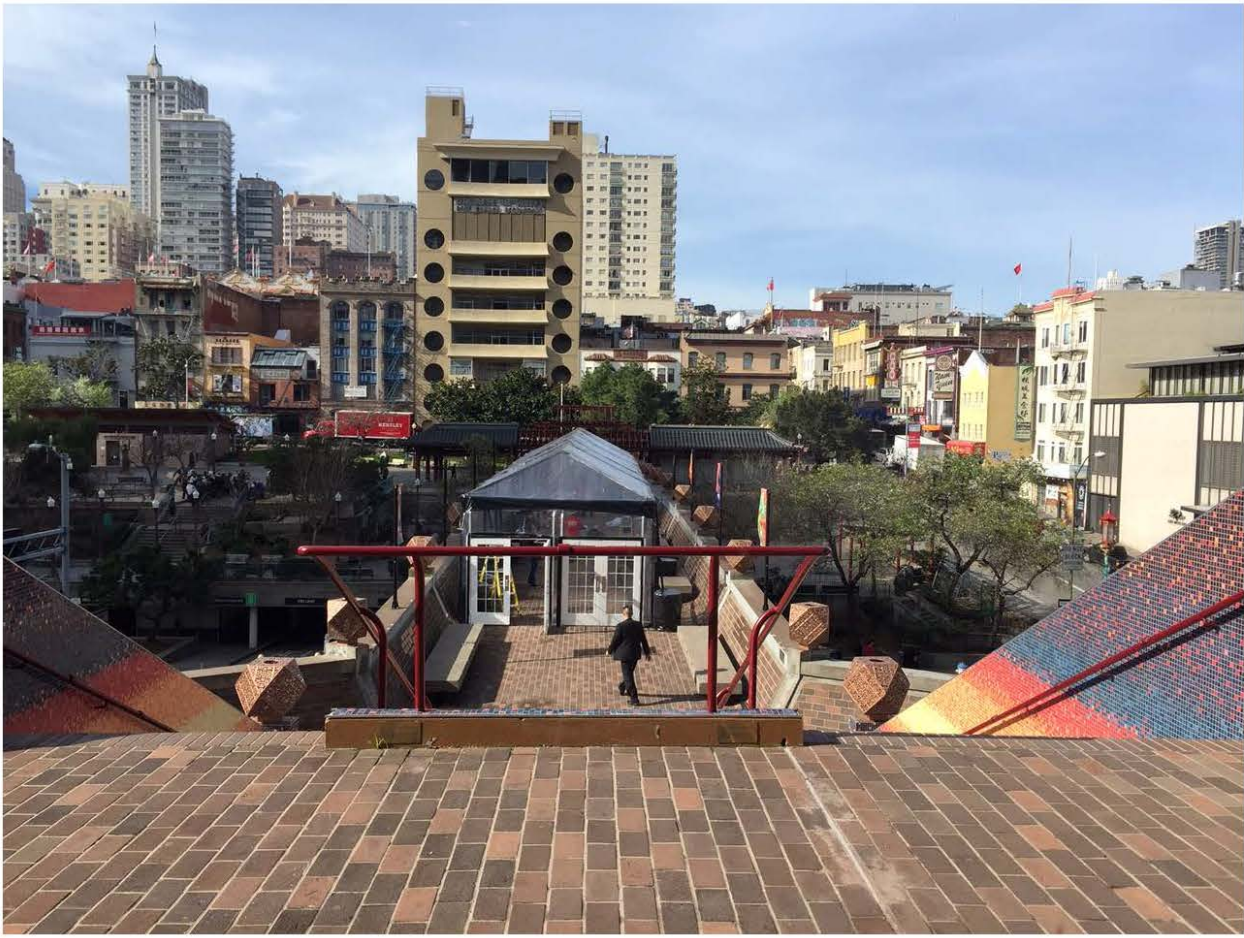
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