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Dear Chair Chan, Supervisor Dorsey and Supervisor Sauter,

I understand that you will hear item 260514 at the **Budget and Finance Committee** to consider **accepting and expending a grant from the San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation for the Powell Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$14,500,000.**

I urge you to vote yes to ensure that this transformational capital investment to this important gateway to San Francisco is realized. The Powell Street Project would improve the sidewalks and add signature lighting to this vital corridor connecting the Cable Car Turnaround at Powell and Market to Union Square Park.

Background:

2011: Powell Street sidewalk is temporarily expanded from Ellis to Geary with a private grant from Audi to accommodate the high foot traffic and was meant to be replaced permanently after 5 years. The grant also included private funds for maintenance for these 5 years.

2016: This sidewalk expansion was showing wear and tear and in need of being replaced. The Union Square Alliance continued to maintain as best they could with limited funds earmarked for this project and began advocating for a permanent solution.

2022: Prop A, a GO Bond which included funding for the SFMTA to improve the Powell Street Corridor failed

2024: Prop B, another GO which included funding for “improvements around Powell Street and the Cable Car” passed

This Prop B public funding and DDC private funding = full realization of the project. **An investment in this corridor coupled with public safety would be instrumental in elevating the experience of this street and attracting tenants to restore the vibrancy for locals and tourists alike.**

Filling vacancies along Powell would give San Francisco highly visible signs of revitalization and real contributions through increased taxes to the general fund.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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