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1 [General Obligation Bonds - Health and Recovery - Not to Exceed \$438,500,000]

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3 **Resolution determining and declaring that the public interest and necessity demand**
4 **the acquisition or improvement of real property, including: facilities to deliver services**
5 **for persons experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or**
6 **homelessness; parks, open space, and recreation facilities, including green and**
7 **climate resilient infrastructure; and streets, curb ramps, street structures and plazas,**
8 **and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing**
9 **landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential**
10 **tenants under Administrative Code, Chapter 37; adopting findings under the California**
11 **Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the proposed Bonds are in conformity with**
12 **the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b).**

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14 WHEREAS, According to the City and County of San Francisco (“City”) Point-in-Time
15 Count conducted in January 2019, about 8,000 people experience homelessness in the City
16 on any given night, and over the course of an entire year, many more people experience
17 homelessness; and

18 WHEREAS, According to Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
19 (“HSH”) records, in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, HSH served about 18,000 people experiencing
20 homelessness, and of those, 4,000 have a history of both mental health and substance use
21 disorders; and

22 WHEREAS, An estimated 24,500 people inject drugs in the City and recent data
23 indicate that 39 percent of people who inject drugs in the City reported injecting
24 methamphetamine; methamphetamine is increasingly being consumed in public spaces, and
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1 residents are more regularly encountering individuals who present challenging psychosis-
2 related behaviors or experience moments of mental health crisis; and

3 WHEREAS, The City, through HSH, currently offers temporary shelter to approximately
4 3,400 people per night through shelters, Navigation Centers, stabilization beds, and
5 transitional housing -- 566 additional beds have opened since October 2018 and another 499
6 are in development -- but additional shelter beds are needed to match the waitlist for
7 individuals looking to access shelter; and

8 WHEREAS, The City administers locally and federally funded supportive housing to
9 provide long-term affordable housing with on-site social services to people exiting chronic
10 homelessness through a portfolio that includes renovated Single Room Occupancy hotels,
11 newly constructed units, and apartment buildings that operate under a master lease between
12 private property owners and the City (“Permanent Supportive Housing”), but the City does not
13 have a sufficient supply of Permanent Supportive Housing units to meet the demand; and

14 WHEREAS, DPH provides behavioral health services in a number of settings and
15 through a number of different mechanisms including at existing facilities such as San
16 Francisco General Hospital, the Behavioral Health Access Center, Residential Care Facilities,
17 community clinics, and through contracts with nonprofit service providers; and

18 WHEREAS, When there is not enough capacity at any one level of care or facility,
19 longer wait times for services have a detrimental effect on the ability of people to heal and
20 become healthier, and the City has an inadequate number of beds to help those recovering
21 from substance use, mental health, or a dual diagnosis, with some residential care facilities
22 having wait lists of up to seven months as of 2019; and

23 WHEREAS, Limited state and federal resources and the high cost of construction put a
24 greater burden on local governments to contribute their own limited resources to produce
25 more facilities to serve those struggling with behavioral health and substance use disorders,

1 temporary shelters, and permanent supportive housing, and consequently the City’s supply of
2 these resources has not kept pace with demand; and

3 WHEREAS, The proposed Health and Recovery Bond (“Bond”) will provide a portion of
4 the critical funding necessary to acquire or improve real property, including permanent
5 supportive housing and shelters, and existing and potential new behavioral health facilities
6 and institutions; and

7 WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the Public Health Officers of six Bay Area counties
8 jointly issued a Shelter in Place Public Health Order to protect the health and well-being of
9 Bay Area residents in the face of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (“Public Health
10 Emergency”); and

11 WHEREAS, The Public Health Emergency brought with it City unemployment levels
12 approaching 10% within three weeks of the first Shelter in Place Public Health Order and full
13 or partial job loss impacts on industries with an estimated 166,936 employees, creating an
14 urgent need to invest in projects that create jobs and support the City’s economic recovery;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The City’s most recent 10-year capital plan identifies a deferred
17 maintenance backlog of \$799 million for streets and General Fund facilities, and the
18 Recreation and Parks Department’s more recent facilities condition assessment shows \$950
19 million in deferred maintenance; and

20 WHEREAS, Infrastructure investment is a known and tested jobs stimulus strategy with
21 a strong multiplier effect, estimated at 5.93 jobs for every million dollars in construction
22 spending according to the REMI Policy Insight model; and

23 WHEREAS, Since 2005, the City has engaged in regular, long-term capital planning to
24 identify and advance shovel-ready projects that deliver improvements in line with adopted
25 funding principles that prioritize legal and regulatory mandates, life safety and resilience,

1 asset preservation and sustainability, programmatic and planned needs, and economic
2 development; and

3 WHEREAS, Parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, streets, curb ramps, street
4 structures, and plazas are all essential infrastructure for which the City is responsible and
5 must maintain a state of good repair for public health, safety, and equitable accessibility; and

6 WHEREAS, Parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces offer space to relax and enjoy
7 nature and places to play and exercise, increase residents' quality of life, support good mental
8 and physical health, and can help people deal with trauma or find comfort in a time of distress,
9 as a growing body of work shows that time spent outdoors in natural environments can help
10 lower stress, depression, anxiety, diabetes, risk of preterm birth, high blood pressure, asthma,
11 stroke, heart disease and other health improvements; and

12 WHEREAS, During the Public Health Emergency, City residents have sought solace
13 and refuge in City parks and open spaces and heavily utilized these spaces for exercise and
14 as an alternative to private back yards, and more so in denser neighborhoods and in Equity
15 Zones; and

16 WHEREAS, During the Public Health Emergency, many of the City's recreation
17 facilities served as childcare centers for emergency and healthcare workers, helping to
18 alleviate child care concerns for these important professionals; and

19 WHEREAS, A recent survey by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
20 found that eighty-three percent (83%) of American adults agree that visiting their local parks,
21 trails and open spaces is essential for their mental and physical well-being during the COVID-
22 19 Emergency, and fifty nine percent (59%) said that access to these amenities is very or
23 extremely essential to their mental and physical health during this crisis; and

24 WHEREAS, A park system as large and diverse as the City's -- over 220 parks spread
25 over 3,400 acres, and containing 181 playgrounds, 82 recreation centers and clubhouses, 37

1 community gardens, 29 off-leash dog areas, 9 swimming pools, and numerous tennis courts,
2 ball fields, soccer fields, and other sports and athletic venues -- requires continued and
3 consistent investment to address dilapidated playgrounds, worn out playfields, run-down
4 buildings, and crumbling outdoor courts; and

5 WHEREAS, The City is responsible for the state of good repair of more than 1,200
6 miles of streets, approximately 50,000 curb ramp locations, 371 street structures, and 9
7 plazas, which are heavily used and have longstanding deferred maintenance needs; and

8 WHEREAS, Streets, curb ramps, street structures, and plazas connect people to jobs,
9 hospitals, shopping centers, and transit -- places that are vital to daily life -- and providing
10 smooth and pot-hole free streets and pedestrian right-of-way is essential to reducing the costs
11 of road-induced damage, preventing accidents for bicyclists and drivers, and creating safe
12 passage for pedestrians; and

13 WHEREAS, City staff have identified and planned several park, open space, and
14 recreation facilities improvement projects to address public safety hazards, improve waterfront
15 access, improve disabled access, enhance the condition of neighborhood and citywide park,
16 recreation, and open space facilities and lands, address deferred maintenance, support
17 population growth, enhance green infrastructure, improve climate resiliency and seismic
18 safety, ensure equitable access to high-quality open spaces, and other issues facing the
19 City's park system that can put people to work quickly and support local economic recovery;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Bond will provide a portion of the critical funding necessary to acquire
22 or improve real property, including to improve the safety and quality of neighborhood, citywide
23 and waterfront parks and open spaces and recreation facilities under the jurisdiction of the
24 Recreation and Park Commission; and

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1 WHEREAS, City staff have identified street repaving, curb ramp, street structures, and
2 plaza improvement programs to address public safety hazards, reduce the backlog of
3 deferred maintenance, improve disabled access, and equitably improve the public right-of-way
4 that can similarly put people to work quickly; and

5 WHEREAS, The Bond will provide a portion of the funding necessary to acquire or
6 improve real property, including to improve access for the disabled and the condition of the
7 City’s streets and other public right-of-way and related assets; and

8 WHEREAS, City staff have identified a capital improvement need totaling
9 \$438,500,000 in projects and programs relating to acquiring or improving real property,
10 including to stabilize, improve, and make permanent investments in supportive housing
11 facilities, shelters, and/or facilities that deliver services to persons experiencing mental health
12 challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; improve the safety and quality of
13 neighborhood, citywide, and waterfront parks and open spaces and recreation facilities under
14 the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission; and improve access for the disabled
15 and the condition of the City’s streets and other public right-of-way and related assets; and
16 sites or properties otherwise specified in the ordinance submitting this proposal to the voters
17 (collectively, “Project”); and

18 WHEREAS, The Bond will allow the City to finance the acquisition or improvement of
19 the Project in the most cost-effective manner possible; and

20 WHEREAS, The Bond is recommended by the City’s 10-year capital plan, approved
21 each odd-numbered year by the Mayor of the City and the Board of Supervisors of the City
22 (“Board”); now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, The Board determines and declares that the public interest and necessity
24 demand the acquisition or improvement of real property, including facilities to deliver services
25 for persons experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or

1 homelessness; parks, open space, and recreation facilities, including green and climate
2 resilient infrastructure; and streets, curb ramps, street structures and plazas, and related costs
3 necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, The estimated cost of \$438,500,000 for the Bond is and will
5 be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City, will require
6 an expenditure greater than the amount allowed by the annual tax levy, and will require the
7 incurrence of bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$438,500,000; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board, having reviewed the proposed legislation, makes
9 the following findings in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"),
10 California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq., the CEQA Guidelines, 15 Cal.
11 Administrative Code, Sections 15000 et seq., ("CEQA Guidelines"), and San Francisco
12 Administrative Code, Chapter 31; the Board, finds, affirms and declares:

13 A. FACILITIES TO DELIVER SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
14 MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AND/OR
15 HOMELESSNESS:

16 The proposed funding described in Section 3A of the Ordinance is excluded from
17 CEQA because such funding is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines, Section
18 15378(b)(4), but is the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any
19 commitment to any specific projects at any specific locations.

20 B. PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATION FACILITIES:

21 (i) For the improvements to the India Basin Open Space (as defined in Section
22 3B of the Ordinance), the Board of Supervisors, in Motion No. 18-136, affirmed certification of
23 the India Basin Mixed-Use Project Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse
24 No. 2016062003) and, in Ordinance No. 252-18, adopted findings under CEQA related to
25 approvals in furtherance of the project and Development Agreement, including adoption of a

1 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”), and a Statement of Overriding
2 Considerations. The Planning Department determined that no further environmental review
3 for this proposal is required because there are no changes to the approved Project or its
4 surrounding circumstances that would necessitate additional environmental review, for the
5 reasons set forth in its Memorandum dated May __, 2020. The findings contained in
6 Ordinance No. 258-18, including the MMRP, and the Planning Department Memorandum
7 dated May __, 2020, are hereby incorporated into the Ordinance as though fully set forth
8 therein. For purposes of the Ordinance, the Board relies on said actions and their supporting
9 documents, copies of which are in Board of Supervisors File Nos. 180842 and 180681 and
10 incorporates these documents by reference;

11 (ii) Four other Neighborhood Park projects, the Gene Friend Recreation Center,
12 the Herz Playground Recreational Center, Buchanan Street Mall, and the Japantown Peace
13 Plaza, each have been determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA. The separate
14 projects located at the Gene Friend Recreation Center and the Herz Recreational Center were
15 each determined to be exempt as Category 32 exemptions for Infill Development Projects,
16 and the separate projects located at the Buchanan Street Mall and the Japantown Peace
17 Plaza were each determined to be exempt as a Category 1 exemption as a minor alteration to
18 an existing facility, with Buchanan Street Mall also determined to be exempt as a Category 4
19 exemption as a minor alteration to existing land, as set forth in the Planning Department’s
20 memorandum dated May __, 2020, which determinations are hereby affirmed and adopted by
21 this Board for the reasons set forth in the Planning Department’s Memorandum dated May __,
22 2020; and

23 (iii) The remaining proposed Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities
24 funding identified in Section 3B2 to 3B10 (the “Program Funding”) is excluded from CEQA
25 because the Program Funding is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines, Section

1 15378(b)(4), but is the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any
2 commitment to any specific projects at any specific locations.

3 C. STREETS, CURB RAMPS, STREET STRUCTURES AND PLAZAS: The
4 proposed funding described in Section 3C of the Ordinance is excluded from CEQA because
5 such funding is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378(b)(4), but is
6 the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to
7 any specific projects at any specific locations.

8 D. CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The funding described in Section 3D of
9 the Ordinance is excluded from CEQA because the funding is not defined as a "project" under
10 CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378(b)(5), but is organizational activity that does not result in a
11 direct or indirect impact on the environment; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board finds and declares that the proposed Bonds (a)
13 were referred to the Planning Department in accordance with Section 4.105 of the San
14 Francisco Charter and Section 2A.53(f) of the Administrative Code, (b) are in conformity with
15 the priority policies of Section 101.1(b) of the San Francisco Planning Code, and (c) are
16 consistent with the City's General Plan, and adopts the findings of the Planning Department,
17 as set forth in the General Plan Referral Report dated May 15, 2020, a copy of which is on file
18 with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 200479 and incorporates such findings by this
19 reference; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The time limit for approval of this resolution specified in
21 Administrative Code, Section 2.34 is waived; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, Under Administrative Code, Section 2.40, the ordinance
23 submitting this proposal to the voters shall contain a provision authorizing landlords to pass-
24 through 50% of the resulting property tax increases to residential tenants in accordance with
25 Administrative Code, Chapter 37; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse prior
2 expenditures of the City incurred or expected to be incurred prior to the issuance and sale of
3 any series of the Bonds in connection with the Bond; the Board hereby declares the City's
4 intent to reimburse the City with the proceeds of the Bond for the expenditures with respect to
5 the Project (the "Expenditures" and each, an "Expenditure") made on and after that date that
6 is no more than 60 days prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The City reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will
8 reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Bond; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, Each Expenditure was and will be either (a) of a type properly
10 chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in
11 each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Bond,
12 (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues, or (d) a grant to
13 a party that is not related to or an agent of the City so long as such grant does not impose any
14 obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the
15 City; the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bond expected to be issued for the
16 Project is \$438,500,000; the City shall make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written
17 allocation by the City that evidences the City's use of proceeds of the applicable series of the
18 Bond to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which
19 the Expenditure is paid or the related portion of the Project is placed in service or abandoned,
20 but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid; the City
21 recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of
22 issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of
23 issuance and not the year of expenditure) and Expenditures for construction projects of at
24 least 5 years; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, Documents referenced in this resolution are on file with the
2 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ~~200479~~, which is hereby declared to be a part of
3 this resolution as if set forth fully herein.

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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
6 DENNIS J. HERRERA
7 City Attorney

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9 By: /s/ Kenneth DavidRoux
10 KENNETH DAVID ROUX
11 Deputy City Attorney
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Item 15 File 20-0479	Department: Office of Public Finance
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
<p style="text-align: center;">Legislative Objectives</p> <p>File 20-0479 is a resolution determining and declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the acquisition or improvement of real property, including (1) facilities to deliver services for persons experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; (2) parks, open space and recreation facilities, including green and climate resilient infrastructure; and (3) streets, curb ramps, street structures and plazas. An ordinance (File 20-0478) is pending before the Board of Supervisors, providing for a proposition to be submitted to the voters in November 2020 to approve \$438,500,000 in General Obligation bonds to fund the acquisition and improvement of real property referenced in File 20-0479.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2020 Health and Recovery General Obligation Bond report describes the projects to be acquired or constructed, using the proposed bond proceeds. • \$197 million would be allocated to (i) permanent supportive housing and shelter projects, and (ii) projects for mental health and substance use disorder services. • \$200 million would be allocated to two categories of open space and park projects: (i) neighborhood parks, and (ii) programmatic scopes. Neighborhood park projects were prioritized based on projects that had already undergone public review, design studies, and environmental review. Programmatic scope are broad categories for which specific projects have yet to be identified. • \$41.5 million would be allocated to address the capital needs in the public right of way and public space. Projects include (i) street resurfacing projects, which makes up the majority of proposed funding, (ii) curb ramps, and (iii) street structures and plazas. <p style="text-align: center;">Fiscal Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Office of Public Finance, issuance of \$438.5 million in General Obligation bonds would result in estimated average annual debt service of \$29.3 million and total debt service over the life of the bonds of \$850.8 million. Estimated average annual property tax increase to a residential property owner, with an assessed valuation of \$600,000 and \$7,000 homeowner's exemption, would be \$61.89. • According to the Office of Public Finance, the proposed \$438.5 million in General Obligation bonds falls within the Charter debt limit requirement and City policy to limit the impact of debt service on property tax rates. <p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the proposed resolution is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors. 	

MANDATE STATEMENT

City Charter Section 9.106 states that the Board of Supervisors is authorized to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds in accordance with the Constitution of the State of California. General obligation bonds may be issued and sold in accordance with state law or any local procedure adopted by ordinance. There shall be a limit on outstanding general obligation bond indebtedness of three percent of the assessed value of all taxable real and personal property, located within the City and County

DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

File 20-0479: The proposed resolution determines and declares that the public interest and necessity demand the acquisition or improvement of real property, including (1) facilities to deliver services for persons experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; (2) parks, open space and recreation facilities, including green and climate resilient infrastructure; and (3) streets, curb ramps, street structures and plazas.

An ordinance (File 20-0478) is pending before the Board of Supervisors, providing for a proposition to be submitted to the voters in November 2020 to approve \$438,500,000 in General Obligation bonds to fund the acquisition and improvement of real property referenced in File 20-0479.

Under the proposed resolutions, the Board of Supervisors would find that:

1. The proposed bond-funded projects are necessary and in the public interest;
2. The proposed bond-funded projects with estimated costs of \$438.5 million cannot be funded from operating revenues;
3. The proposed General Obligation bonds were referred to the Planning Department, as required by the Charter and Administrative Code, conform to the Planning Code's priority policies, and are consistent with the General Plan; and
4. The approval time limits specified in Administration Code Section 2.34 are waived;¹ and
5. Prior eligible City expenditures are to be reimbursed by the bond proceeds, for which the procedures are defined on page 10 of the proposed resolution.

The proposed resolution also provides that the ordinance submitting the proposed General Obligation bonds to the voters (File 20-0478 pending before the Board) authorizes landlords to pass through 50 percent of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants.

The proposed resolution further makes findings in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), detailed on pages 7 through 9 of the proposed resolution;

File 20-0487 is a resolution pending before the Board of Supervisors that amends the City's ten-year capital expenditure plan for FY 2020-2029 to amend the General Obligation bond program to include the proposed bonds of \$438,500,000.

¹ Administrative Code Section 2.34 requires the Board of Supervisors to approve submitting General Obligation bonds to the voters no less than 141 days before the election.

Proposed Health and Recovery Bond

The 2020 Health and Recovery General Obligation Bond report describes the projects to be acquired or constructed, using the proposed bond proceeds. Total proposed General Obligation bond allocations are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Proposed Bond Allocation

Program Area	Amount
Health and Homelessness	\$197 million
Parks and Open Spaces	\$200 million
Right of Way Repair	\$41.5 million
Total	\$438.5 million

Health and Homelessness

The proposed bond funds would be allocated to permanent supportive housing and shelter projects, and projects for mental health and substance use disorder services. Bond-funded projects totaling \$197 million include (a) acquisition and construction of a new Behavioral Health Access Center; (b) improvements to community health facilities, such as the Chinatown Health Center; (c) acquisition and construction of permanent supportive housing and behavioral health residential facilities; and (d) improvements and stabilization for board and care and other residential facilities. Table 2 below shows the proposed allocation of bond funds.

Table 3: Proposed Bond Allocation to Health and Homelessness

Program Area	Amount
Permanent supportive housing and shelter	\$90 million
Mental health and substance use disorder	\$107 million
Total	\$197 million

Parks and Open Spaces

The proposed bond funds would be allocated to two categories of projects, neighborhood parks and programs. According to the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond Report, neighborhood park projects were prioritized based on projects that had already undergone public review, design studies, and environmental review. Programmatic scope are broad categories for which specific projects have yet to be identified. According to the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond Report, the Recreation and Park Commission will review and approve funding allocated to specific projects; environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will be completed after project identification and development.

Table 3: Proposed Bond Allocation to Parks and Open Spaces

Program Area	Amount
Neighborhood Parks	
Buchanan Mall	\$2 million
Gene Friend Recreation Center	\$50 million
Herz Playground Recreation Center (HOPE SF)	\$10 million
India Basin	\$29 million
Japantown Peace Plaza	\$25 million
Contingency	\$5 million
Subtotal Neighborhood Parks	\$121 million
Programmatic Scope	
Citywide Parks	\$18 million
Recovery Parks	\$18 million
Playgrounds	\$10 million
Community Opportunity Fund	\$6 million
Sustainability	\$20 million
Mini Parks	\$1 million
Trails	\$2 million
Community Gardens	\$0.6 million
Contingency	\$1.4 million
Subtotal Programmatic Scope	\$77 million
Administration	\$2 million
Total Neighborhood Parks and Programmatic Scope	\$200 million

Right of Way

The proposed bond funds would be allocated to project to address the capital needs in the public right of way and public space. Street resurfacing projects would make up the majority of projects. The specific street resurfacing projects would be prioritized based on the pavement score, usage (such as transit corridors), project readiness, equitable geographic distribution, and public inquiries. The other two project areas are curb ramps, and street structures and plazas.

Table4: Proposed Bond Allocation to Right of Way Repairs

Program Area	Amount
Street resurfacing	\$31.5 million
Curb Ramps	\$5 million
Street Structures and Plazas	\$5 million
Total	\$41.5 million

FISCAL IMPACT*Debt Service and Property Taxes*

According to the Office of Public Finance, issuance of \$438.5 million in General Obligation bonds would result in estimated average annual debt service of \$29.3 million and total debt service over the life of the bonds of \$850.8 million. Estimated average annual property tax increase to a residential property owner, with an assessed valuation of \$600,000 and \$7,000 homeowner's exemption, would be \$61.89.

Debt Limit and Tax Rates

Charter Section 9.106 sets the City's debt limit at 3 percent of assessed valuation. According to the Office of Public Finance, based on the City's FY 2019-20 net assessed valuation of \$281.8 billion, the City's General Obligation bond debt capacity is \$8.4 billion. As of June 2020, the City's outstanding General Obligation bond debt is \$2.4 billion and authorized and unissued General Obligation bond debt is \$2.2 billion. If all authorized debt were to be issued, including the proposed \$438.5 million in General Obligation bonds, total City General Obligation bond debt would be \$5.0 billion, less that the \$8.4 billion debt limit.

The City's policy is to limit the impact of General Obligation bond debt on property tax rates; the policy defined in the Capital Plan sets the property tax rate at no more than the FY 2005-06 rate. According to the Office of Public Finance, approval of the proposed General Obligation bonds is consistent with City policy.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the proposed resolution is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: June 19, 2020
TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joy Navarrete, Principal Environmental Planner
RE: CEQA Determination for
BOS File Nos. 200478 and 200279, General Obligation
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As explained below, the Planning Department finds that Mayor London N. Breed's introduction of BOS File Nos. 200478 and 200279 for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$438,500,000 to finance the acquisition or improvement of real property for the November 3, 2020, Election, are covered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as follows:

FACILITIES TO DELIVER SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AND/OR HOMELESSNESS: The proposed funding described in Section 3A of the Ordinance is excluded from CEQA because such funding is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), but is the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific projects at any specific locations.

PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATION FACILITIES:

For the improvements to the India Basin Open Space (as defined in Section 3B of the ordinance), the Board of Supervisors, in Motion No. 18-136, affirmed certification of the India Basin Mixed-Use Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (State Clearinghouse Number 2016062003) and, in Ordinance No. 252-18, adopted findings under CEQA related to approvals in furtherance of the project and Development Agreement, including adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"), and a Statement of Overriding Considerations. The proposed funding would implement the project as previously described and evaluated in the FEIR. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15162, the Planning Department hereby determines that no further environmental review for this proposal is required because there are no changes to the approved Project or its surrounding circumstances that would necessitate additional environmental review.

Four other Neighborhood Park projects, the Gene Friend Recreation Center (2018-012920ENV), the Herz Playground Recreational Center (2019-022397ENV), Buchanan Street Mall (2019-020014ENV), and the Japantown Peace Plaza (2019-000895ENV), each have been determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA.

The separate projects located at the Gene Friend Recreation Center and the Herz Recreational Center were each determined to be exempt as Category 32 exemptions for Infill Development Projects, and the separate projects located at the Buchanan Street Mall and the Japantown Peace Plaza were each determined to be exempt as a Category 1 exemption as a minor alteration to an existing facility, with Buchanan Street Mall also determined to be exempt as a Category 4 exemption as a minor alteration to existing land. The Planning Department hereby determines that no further environmental review for these four projects is required because there are no changes to the projects or their respective surrounding circumstances that would necessitate additional environmental review.

The remaining proposed Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities funding identified in Section 3B2 to 3B10 (the "Program Funding") would provide funding for: Citywide Parks, such as McLaren Park (including adjacent parks), Golden Gate Park, Lake Merced or other city parks; Recovery Parks, including Crocker Amazon and Buena Vista parks; Playground improvements; Sustainability efforts; creation of Community Opportunity Fund; Mini parks; Trail improvements; Community Gardens; creation of a Contingency Fund; and Administrative efforts. None of the identified funding would involve a commitment of the Bond proceeds to a particular project at a particular site. Instead, the Program Funding provides a financing mechanism to fund potential projects that would fall within these programs. Specific projects would be identified, reviewed, approved and funded under these programs after the Bond is passed.

The Planning Department has determined the Program Funding itself is excluded from CEQA because it is the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific projects at any specific locations and is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4)..

STREETS, CURB RAMPS, STREET STRUCTURES AND PLAZAS: The proposed funding described in Section 3C of the Ordinance is excluded from CEQA because such funding is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), but is the creation of a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific projects at any specific locations.

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The funding described in Section 3D of the Ordinance is excluded from CEQA because the funding is not defined as a "project" under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), but is organizational activity that does not result in a direct or indirect impact on the environment.



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General Plan Referral

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Date: May 15, 2020

Case: 2020-004910GPR

Block/Lot No.: Various, Citywide

Project Sponsor: Naomi Kelly
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Staff Contact: Jessica Look – (415) 575-6812
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Recommendation: Finding the proposed General Obligation Bond, on balance, in conformity with the General Plan.

Recommended *Rich Hillis*
Rich Hillis (May 19, 2020 11:45 PDT)

By: Rich Hillis, Director of Planning

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City and County of San Francisco is proposing a \$438.5 million Health and Recovery Bond for the November 2020 ballot. The purpose of the Bond is to fund investments in public facilities that serve people experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; safe and accessible parks, recreation facilities and open spaces, and essential public infrastructure, including streets, curb ramps and the pedestrian right of way.

The 2020 Health and Recovery Bond proposes three categories of investments, each with a different budget amount. Please see table below.

Table 1: Bond Components and Budget Amount

Program Categories	General Obligation Fund
Invest in facilities that provide treatment and permanent supportive housing for people experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness.	\$197 million
Build and improve safe and accessible parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces throughout the City with shovel-ready projects and programs.	\$200 million
Invest in shovel-ready public infrastructure projects including street resurfacing and the construction and maintenance of curb ramps, street structures, and the pedestrian right of way.	\$41.5 million
TOTAL	\$438.5 million

Individual projects funded by the bond program may require additional project level analysis and review -possibly including General Plan Referrals - by the Planning Department as they are identified.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The General Obligation Bond is not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE AND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Health and Recovery Bond to invest in the City’s most at-risk Citizens, and improve parks, open spaces and public right-of-ways is, on balance, **in conformity** with the General Plan, as described in the body of this Report. If the Bond is approved and funds become available, **some projects may require project-level General Plan referrals**, as required by San Francisco Charter §4.105 and § 2A.53 of the Administrative Code, Environmental Review and/or other discretionary actions by the Planning Department.

Note: General Plan Objectives are shown in **BOLD UPPER CASE** font; Policies are in **Bold** font; staff comments are in *italic* font.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 7

DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS TO MAKE THE EDUCATIONAL AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONVENIENT TO THE PEOPLE, THEREBY HELPING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM IN SAN FRANCISCO

Comment: The Bond includes funding for community health centers, including Chinatown Public Health Center which is located in the one of the densest parts of our City. The goal is that patients can be treated safely and properly with improvements such as additional counseling and examination rooms, upgraded labs and nursing stations and earthquake-safety improvements. District health centers, such as Chinatown Public Health Center, are located to suit the public need and are important in achieving the City's General Plan goals.

HOUSING ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 6

REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

POLICY 6.1

Prioritize permanent housing and service enriched solutions while pursuing both short- and long-term strategies to eliminate homelessness.

POLICY 6.3

Aggressively pursue other strategies to prevent homelessness and the risk of homelessness by addressing its contributory factors

POLICY 6.4

Improve coordination among emergency assistance efforts, existing shelter programs, and health care outreach services.

Comment: The Bond includes investments in mental health and substance use disorder treatment facilities and permanent supportive housing and shelters for the homeless. This aims to have the greatest positive impact on our City and be sustainably operable with projected available sources.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

ENSURE A WELL-MAINTAINED, HIGHLY UTILIZED, AND INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

POLICY 1.2

Prioritize renovation in highly-utilized open spaces and recreational facilities and in high needs areas.

POLICY 1.4

Maintain and repair recreational facilities and open spaces to modern maintenance standards.

POLICY 1.5

Prioritize the better utilization of McLaren Park, Ocean Beach, the Southeastern Waterfront and other underutilized significant open spaces.

POLICY 1.8

Support urban agriculture and local food security through development of policies and programs that encourage food production throughout San Francisco.

Comment: The proposed Bond, if approved, would provide resources to address capital needs in the City's park system. This includes investments in neighborhood parks, recreation centers and waterfront parks; citywide parks, such as McLaren Park; sustainability investments, including shoreline protection, forestry and water conservation; and community investments in priority recovery parks, failing playgrounds, the Community Opportunity Fund, mini parks, community gardens and trails.

TRANSPORATION ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 24

IMPROVE THE AMBIENCE OF THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT.

POLICY 24.2

Maintain and expand the planting of street trees and the infrastructure to support them.

POLICY 24.7

Ensure safe pedestrian crossings at signaled intersection

POLICY 24.9

Implement the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act

Comment: The proposed Bond, if approved, would provide resources to address capital needs in the City's streets and right-of-way. This includes funding for projects with the following scopes intended to preserve and improve civic infrastructure within the City's right-of-way, such as construction of new ADA-compliant curb ramps and minor construction for streetscape features such as trees, planting areas and lighting.

PROPOSITION M FINDINGS – PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1

Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes Eight Priority Policies and requires review of discretionary approvals and permits for consistency with said policies. The Project, the proposed \$300,000,000 General Obligation Bond for affordable housing proposed to be placed on the November 2015 ballot, is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies as set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 for the following reasons:

Eight Priority Policies Findings

The subject project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced.

The project will not displace or restrict access to any existing neighborhood-serving or restrict future opportunities. It may provide additional opportunities for resident employment and support to neighborhood serving uses.

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhood.

The project will not affect existing housing or neighborhood character. It will however provide amenities such as improved health care facilities, maintained parks and open spaces and functional streets.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced.

The project will not convert any existing affordable housing to non-residential use.

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The proposed project will not impede Muni transit service, nor overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for residential employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The project will not displace any individual businesses.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The proposed project will not hinder earthquake preparedness efforts. Further, any new construction supported by proceeds from the Bond will be up to current seismic and safety codes and standards.

7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

The project would not have an adverse effect on landmarks or historic buildings. For any RPD proposed alterations, projects have been reviewed by the Planning Department's Environmental Review staff. In addition, historic materials in the right-of-way are protected by DPW Order 201,95, and any repair and maintenance to facilities that constitute historic resources will be conducted in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation.

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The project will not impact parks and open spaces. If the Bond is passed, it will maintain and enhance parks and open space.

RECOMMENDATION:

**Finding the General Obligation Bond, on balance,
in-conformity with the General Plan**

If approved, the following types of projects funded by the Bond should be referred to the Planning Department to determine whether they require separate General Plan Referral(s), pursuant to Section 4.105 of the Charter and Sections 2A.52 and 2A.53 of the Administrative Code or other authorization:

- Demolition of buildings / structures
- Construction of new buildings / structures
- Additions to existing structures (enlargement)






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Attached for introduction to the Board of Supervisors is a **resolution determining and declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the acquisition or improvement of real property, including: facilities to deliver services for persons experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; parks, open space, and recreation facilities, including green and climate resilient infrastructure; and streets, curb ramps, street structures and plazas, and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants under Administrative Code Chapter 37; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the proposed Bonds are in conformity with the General Plan, and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b).**

[@ROUX, KENNETH \(CAT\)](#), can you please provide approval?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rebecca Peacock ([they/she](#))
(415) 554-6982 | Rebecca.Peacock@sfgov.org
Office of Mayor London N. Breed
City & County of San Francisco

*** I am working remotely. Please call me at 267-663-8648 with any questions ****

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT: General Obligation Bond - Health and Recovery
November 3, 2020 Election

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee has received the following for the November 3, 2020, Election, introduced by Mayor London N. Breed on May 12, 2020. These files are being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.3.

File No. 200478

Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and County of San Francisco on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$438,500,000 to finance the acquisition or improvement of real property, including: facilities to deliver services for persons experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or homelessness; parks, open space, and recreation facilities, including green and climate resilient infrastructure; and streets, curb ramps, street structures and plazas, and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants under Administrative Code, Chapter 37; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest on such Bonds; incorporating the provisions of the Administrative Code relating to the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee's review of Bond expenditures; setting certain procedures and requirements for the election; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the proposed Bonds are in conformity with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b).

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Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measure prior to the first Budget and Finance Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7719 or email: linda.wong@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller
 Peg Stevenson, City Performance Director
 Natasha Mihal, City Services Auditor

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sophia Kittler, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Office of the Mayor
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Naomi Kelly, City Administrator, Office of the City Administrator
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Robert Collins, Executive Director, Rent Board
Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department
Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

FROM: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND - HEALTH AND RECOVERY
November 3, 2020 Election

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and interest on such Bonds; incorporating the provisions of the Administrative Code relating to the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee's review of Bond expenditures; setting certain procedures and requirements for the election; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the proposed Bonds are in conformity with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b).

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Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative files.

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c: Andres Power, Office of the Mayor
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May 19, 2020

File Nos. 200478 and 200279

Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On May 12, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed introduced the following for the purpose of submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$438,500,000 to finance the acquisition or improvement of real property for the November 3, 2020, Election:

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This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Linda Wong

By: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk
Budget and Finance Committee

Attachments

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planner
Don Lewis, Environmental Planner

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To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2020 Health and Recovery Bond - Peace Plaza Renovation Project
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**Subject:** 2020 Health and Recovery Bond - Peace Plaza Renovation Project

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please see Japantown Task Force, Inc's Letter of Support for the Peace Plaza Renovation Project.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lauren

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**Lauren Nosaka**  
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**Administrative Manager**

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May 28, 2020

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

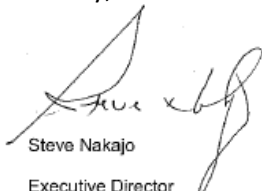
On behalf of Japantown Task Force, Inc., we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Nakajo  
Executive Director

  
Sandy Mori  
President, Board of Directors



**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:14:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [JMA BOS Letter re Peace Plaza.pdf](#)

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Subject: Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Please find attached our letter asking for your utmost support of the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project within the 2020 Health and Recovery Act Bond.

Thank you,

Richard Hashimoto

President

Japantown Merchants Association



May 28, 2020

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

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Japantown Merchants Association, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project that is currently included in the proposed 2020 Health and Recovery Act Bond Measure.

In 1998, the city reneged on the last renovation promising to renovate the plaza with plans the Friends of the Peace Plaza Committee (Friends) funded. The city received funds raised by Friends and also accepted a \$550,000 gift from the parking corporation that operates the garage below explicitly for the waterproofing. For unknown reasons, the city broke their promise and forced the current problem plagued design that has haunted us ever since it was installed.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown that should properly reflect the culture and integrity of the community. The current design is far from that.

Supervisors, this is a unique opportunity to make a right from a wrong and we are asking for your support to approve the \$25M allocation for the Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery Act Bond.

Respectfully,

Richard Hashimoto
President

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Japantown Peace Plaza Project
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:58:24 PM
Attachments: [Peace Plaza Support.pdf](#)

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**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org  
**Subject:** Support for Japantown Peace Plaza Project

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Attached is our support letter for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project. We urge you to place this critical project on the 2020 Health Recovery Bond for the November vote.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Cathy Inamasu  
Executive Director  
Nihonmachi Little Friends



**Nihonmachi**  
LITTLE FRIENDS™  
Japanese Bilingual & Multicultural Childcare

May 29, 2020

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San Francisco, CA 94102

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Nihonmachi Little Friends, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Cathy Inamasu  
Executive Director

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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Peace Plaza renovation project  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:58:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [Moro\\_PeacePlaza\\_BOS.pdf](#)

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Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:36 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org
Subject: Regarding Peace Plaza renovation project

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Please find attached a letter regarding the Peace Plaza renovation project.

Best,
Takeshi Moro

May 29th, 2020

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a San Francisco resident and parents of two young Japanese American girls, we have utilized the Plaza daily as they attend Nihonmachi Little Friends, a pre-school dedicated to Japanese American education in Japantown SF. The Plaza is essential to the wellbeing of our children and the state of disrepair is a hazard to the health and safety of our children and community.

I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,



Takeshi Moro
SF resident of Japanese descent
Member of the board of directors at Nihonmachi Little Friends

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Japantown's Peace Plaza Allocation
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:42:31 PM
Attachments: [Peace Plaza Support Letter.doc](#)

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**From:** Michiko Yamada <michikoyamada5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 8:36 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Japantown's Peace Plaza Allocation

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Hello,

Please see attached my letter of support for Japantown's Peace Plaza Allocation. A hard copy will be mailed separately.

Thanks,  
Michiko

May 29, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Via E-Mail and USPS

RE: Support for the Japantown Peace Plaza Allocation

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to ask your support for the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza. I am a native San Franciscan and a long-time resident of Japantown and have witnessed and experienced first-hand the changes in my neighborhood and community.

The Peace Plaza is the only open space of Japantown and serves as a hub for the neighborhood and for cultural activities. It is used as a place for daily social interaction, exercise, and utilized as a performance space during festivals like the Cherry Blossom Festival, Anime Festival, Nihonmachi Street Fair and Aki Matsuri to name a few.

There are only four remaining Japantowns in the United States: Los Angeles, San Jose, Sawtelle and our own San Francisco. Prior to WWII, Japantown encompassed a radius of 36 blocks. Our community was further decimated by the actions of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. Today, Japantown is comprised of 6 blocks.

The Peace Plaza is an integral part of San Francisco's Japantown. It is a place of history, cultural connections, hope, and symbolizes the resiliency of our community. Please support the Peace Plaza Allocation so that all San Franciscans and future generations may experience a thriving Japantown.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:42:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [200527 Peace Plaza BOS Sample Letter Nichibei Kai.pdf](#)

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Subject: Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project

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Hello,
I'm a vice president of Hokka Nichibei Kai in Japantown. We are non-profit organization to support Japanese culture, language and relationship between Japan and US.

We'd like to ask The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors member and member of the Board to ask for their vote & support for our \$25m Peace Plaza Project.
Please find an attached letter and hope this project will be true.

Thank you for your support our community and your consideration.

Best Regards,

Hiroshi Sengoku

Vice President
HOKKA NICHIBEI KAI
Japanese American Association of Northern California



THE JAPANESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Hiroshi Sengoku

Hiroshi Sengoku
2nd Vice President

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To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Japantown Peace Plaza
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:47:38 PM
Attachments: [200528 Peace Plaza San Francisco BOS Letter.pdf](#)

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**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza

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Please see attached

May 5, 2020

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Vance Yoshida  
President  
California Flower Market, LLC

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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Japantown Peace Plaza Support Request  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:48:08 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter: J-town Peace Plaza Renovation Project
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:17:05 PM
Attachments: [Ltr to SF BOS for Plaza Funding.docx](#)

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**From:** Patty Wada <pwada@jacl.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org  
**Subject:** Letter: J-town Peace Plaza Renovation Project

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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Attached, please find a letter from the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in support of full funding for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project.

Sincerely,  
Patty Wada  
JACL

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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Peace Plaza Endorsement Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 3:04:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [Peace Plaza Letter of Endorsement final.pdf](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:02 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Peace Plaza Endorsement Letter

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Date: 6/2/2020

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Mark Izu and Brenda Wong Aoki in black ink. The signature for Mark Izu is on the left, and the signature for Brenda Wong Aoki is on the right, written in a cursive style.

Mark Izu and Brenda Wong Aoki

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support of the Japantown Peace Plaza Project
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:30:59 AM
Attachments: [LOS - Peace Plaza BOS_NCCBF.docx.pdf](#)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <[bos-supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:bos-supervisors@sfgov.org)>  
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**Subject:** Support of the Japantown Peace Plaza Project

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Good morning. Please find attached our letter of support to include the Japantown Peace Plaza Project in the upcoming bond. As an organization in one of the three remaining Japantowns in the United States, this project, which is long overdue, is important to the future of Japantown and the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival. Please support the project.

Best regards,

Greg Vioria  
Co-chair, Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival



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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Japantown Peace Plaza - support  
**Date:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:39:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project - letter of support.pdf](#)

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Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:30 PM
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Subject: Japantown Peace Plaza - support

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please find Kimochi, Inc.'s letter of support to the Japantown Peace Plaza renovation. I hope that you will support our much needed renovation for the Japantown Peace Plaza to be fully funded.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2020 Health and Recovery Bond - Peace Plaza Renovation Project
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 3:00:29 PM
Attachments: [JF_Peace Plaza BOS Letter.docx](#)

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Sincerely,

Jaclyn Funasaki

Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Japan

Vice President, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce of Northern California

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Celebration Committee Member, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

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**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 8:21:36 PM

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Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am urging you to cast your support of \$25 million dollar allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza which is part of the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

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We are painfully aware of our City of San Francisco multitude of urgent priorities, due to the earth shattering situation with the Pandemic, with the needs that are great, but the Allocation is there, the Community has done what was requested, have followed the rules, worked hard to finish the process, accomplished the steps and finished with the work.

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We need and urge your total **full support** of the entire **\$25 million** allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza.

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We urgently need the Peace Plaza Renovation to preserve and sustain one of the last of three Japantown's left in the United States.

With Urgent Request for Your Support,

Benh Nakajo  
Resident of Japantown  
San Francisco

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Benh Nakajo](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: Japantown Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 8:27:55 PM

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

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My Urgent Request for Your Support,

Benh Nakajo  
Resident of Japantown  
San Francisco

Sent from my iPad



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**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
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June 2nd, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of (organization), we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Kyoko Nomura

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**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 10:46:19 PM

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a Japanese American born and raised in Japantown, I am writing to urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,  
Keiji Imura  
San Francisco Resident

**From:** [Robert Sakai](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
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6-03-20.

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Nihonmachi Parking Corporation, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Nihonmachi Parking Corporation

Robert Kiichi Sakai

NPC Board of Directors President

1832 Buchanan St. #202

San Francisco , CA 94115.

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**From:** [Robert Sakai](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
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**Subject:** Support For Peace Plaza Renovation  
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6-04-20.

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Robert K. Sakai. I have grown up in the S.F. Japantown. My family first opened a grocery store in the current S.F. Japantown after the 1906 earthquake. We ran this grocery store through 2011. I renovated the building and now own and rent the spaces out as a mixed use property. I currently sit on the board of a number of Japantown community organizations.

I have been involved in the S.F. Japantown all my life and from this perspective I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and

Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Robert Kiichi Sakai

K.Sakai Company

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Managing Partner

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**From:** [Brent Natsume](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
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June 3, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
[1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place](#)  
[San Francisco, CA 94102](#)

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of JTF, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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Sincerely,

Brent Natsume





**From:** [Kay Nomura](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 3:40:33 PM

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The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the Peace Plaza to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses, and visitors.

We need you to support and keep the full \$25 million for the Peace Plaza Renovation on the final version of the bond.

San Francisco Japantown is one of the last three remaining Japantowns in the United States. Without the needed \$25 million for the renovation, one of San Francisco's treasures will slowly crumble and eventually disappear.

Don't let this happen!

**From:** [Hokka Nichibeikai](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
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City Hall, Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

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Sincerely,

Yayoi Baker  
Hokka Nichi Bei Kai

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**From:** [Dianne Fukami](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza  
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June 3, 2020

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

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Fukami

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**From:** [FUENTES, DAISY](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
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6-3-20 San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall, Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102 To the Members of the Board of Supervisors: On behalf of Abraham Lincoln High School's Japanese Culture Club, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocations for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses, and visitors. As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property. While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space that addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community. We urge you to support the full \$25 million currently allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond. Sincerely,  
Daisy Fuentes **student**

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**From:** [Richard Tokeshi](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 6:00:25 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please include the Peace Plaza Renovation project in the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond. Historically, the Peace Plaza is the most visible symbol of San Francisco's Japantown, one of the last Japantowns left in America.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Tokeshi, SF resident

**From:** [liane.scott](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
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**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza \$25 million renovation  
**Date:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 1:17:06 PM  
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Please view attached letter in favor of the Japantown Peace Plaza renovation project.  
Thank you.

Liane & Eric Scott



June 3, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza. The community has waited for over twenty years for the necessary repairs and renovation of this very important space.

The San Francisco Japantown is one of the few remaining Japantowns. It is necessary to repair and renovate this space in order for the community to survive and to attract visitors who in turn revitalize and support the neighborhood. The Peace Plaza itself represents a symbol for everyone to remember.

We have been members of the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association for over twenty-five years. This is a non-profit organization with a mission statement of fostering and promoting cultural awareness, understanding and friendship between the people and cities of Oakland and Fukuoka, Japan. My parents and grandparents were interned during World War II, so for me, personally, the Peace Plaza and its surroundings have been important symbol for me growing up and for my family. This is even more critical in light of the current situation happening all over the world.

Please support the \$25 million for the Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery Bond. Thank you.

Sinceely,



Liane Higashiuchi Scott



Eric Scott  
5900 Bagshotte Dr.  
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**From:** [katharine snyder](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Retain the Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 6:14:29 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please retain the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project in the 2020 Health & Recovery Bond.

The historic Plaza is a vital part of Japantown which is one of the oldest in the country. The plaza has needed rejuvenating for sometime.

It would be a fitting tribute to the Japanese - Americans who had lived there and were removed and incarcerated during WWII in one of the most dreadful acts perpetrated by the U.S Government upon its own citizens.

Please allow the renovation to go forward.

Thank you,  
Katharine Snyder

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Randy Shigio](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 6:06:54 PM

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While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

I urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Randall Shigio  
130 Sutro Heights Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121

**From:** [Olivia Myrick](#)  
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**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Please support renovation of Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 4:24:48 PM

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Olivia Kamei-Myrick



**From:** [Mark Moriguchi](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [Japantown Task Force](#)  
**Subject:** Support for \$25 mil allocation for Peace Plaza Project  
**Date:** Friday, June 05, 2020 9:28:42 AM

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June 5, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

City Hall, Room 244

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Japantown Task Force, Inc., we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Mark Moriguchi

Treasurer and Board member

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**From:** [Brad Natsume](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** SF Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation  
**Date:** Friday, June 05, 2020 12:26:23 PM

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
[1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place](#)  
[San Francisco, CA 94102](#)

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a Japanese-American and San Francisco-native, whos family was raised by Japanese immigrants who emigrated to the US over 100 years ago, I kindly ask that you consider approving the \$25 million currently allocated for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation in the Health and Recovery bond.

Japantown and the Peace Plaza has been a centralized symbol of the Japanese-American culture in the US, which over the years has slowly diminished. It has served as a community center, cultural destination, and tourist stopover for many years and has become a part of San Francisco's multicultural identity; one that needs preservation.

Thank you for your support in continuing this legacy for many more years.

Sincerely,  
Brad Natsume



**From:** [jane yung](#)  
**To:** [bos-supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:bos-supervisors@sfgov.org)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen Mchugh](#); [Japantown Task Force](#)  
**Subject:** Health & Recovery Bond Support - Nihonmachi  
**Date:** Friday, June 05, 2020 12:10:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [NihonmachiSupport-1.pdf](#)

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June 5, 2020

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Though not the richest.  
Not the poorest.  
Not the biggest.  
Nor the loudest.

Yet:

Ever resilient.  
Ever consistent.  
Ever persistent.  
And full of unswerving reverence for building community.

Honor the integrity, vision and vitality of San Francisco's Nihonmachi.  
It's past, present and future.

I ask for your inclusion of the full \$25 million for Peace Plaza renovations on the November Health & Recovery Bond measure.

Thank you for your dedicated public service to the entire city.

Sincerely,

Jane Muramoto Yung  
534 17th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
miteyungs@yahoo.com

Cc: Angela Calvillo  
Alisa Somera  
Eileen McHugh  
Japantown Task Force

**From:** [Richard Isen](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org); [St. Francis Square Office](#)  
**Subject:** Letter from St Francis Square Cooperative  
**Date:** Friday, June 05, 2020 1:39:38 PM  
**Attachments:** [japatownlet.pdf](#)

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Attached is a letter from the president of the St Francis Sq Cooperative located in the Western Addition.

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# ST. FRANCIS SQUARE COOPERATIVE, INC.

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*A housing community dedicated to the idea that all races,  
religions and beliefs can live together in harmony.*

June 5, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the St Francis Square Cooperative, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors. As you may know, our 50 year old, 4 block community of apartment owners is located directly across Geary from the Plaza and our members greatly enjoy and appreciate the Plaza. It is a vital and unique gathering community center in need of renovation.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Richard Isen  
President

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**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Friday, June 05, 2020 4:16:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [Peace Plaza BOD letter 6-5-20.docx.pdf](#)

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*Naoko Jones*

Executive Director  
Kokoro Assisted Living  
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415-674-5941 fax



June 5, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Kokoro Assisted Living, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

  
Naoko Jones  
Executive Director

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Alisa.somera@sfgov.org  
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info@japantowntaskforce.org

**From:** [Daniel Byron](#)  
**To:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Japan Center - Letter to the Board of Supervisors  
**Date:** Friday, June 05, 2020 3:49:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [JapanCenter.Letter.SanFranciscoBoardOfSupervisors.PeacePlazaBond.03Jun20.pdf](#)

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Dear Madams/Sirs:

Attached please find a letter that has been sent to the Board of Supervisors by Joseph Daneshgar, one of the principals of Japan Center West Associates, LP which owns Japan Center. Mr. Daneshgar and the other principals of Japan Center West Associates, LP urges the Members of the Board of Supervisors to support the \$25M allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

**Thank you,**

**Daniel F. Byron II**

Director of Asset Management

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# Japan Center West Associates, LP

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June 3, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Japan Center West Associates, LP, the owner of Japan Center Mall, located immediately adjacent to the Peace Plaza, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph Daneshgar  
Director

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info@japantowntaskforce.org

**From:** [Sandy Mori](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [angela.cavillo@sfgov.org](mailto:angela.cavillo@sfgov.org); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [Japantown Task Force](#)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:48:59 AM

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Dear President Yee and Members of the SF Board of Supervisors; As advocates for Japanese Americans for most of our lives and for San Francisco's Japantown since the 60's, we urge you to include the Peace Plaza Renovation Project at the full \$25 million in the Health and Recovery Act Bond scheduled for the November 2020 ballot. With Japantown's history of over 110 years in San Francisco, and being part of this City's diversity for 5 generations, the Peace Plaza represents an open space which is vital to the long term sustainability of our community. Please remain steadfast on the full \$25 million for the Peace Plaza. Warm regards, Jeff and Sandy Mori

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sack, Misako M.](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](#); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](#); [Allen M. Okamoto \(allen@okamoto-re.com\)](#); [Kathleen Kimura \(kathleenkimura@comcast.net\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 11:15:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [SFOSCA Supp-Peace Plaza Proj.pdf](#)

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Dear members of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco,

Please find attached the letter of support of San Francisco/Osaka Sister City Association for Peace Plaza Project.

Best regards,  
Misako Sack

**Misako Maki Sack** | サック・牧・ミサ子

Executive Director | 事務局長 - **SFOSCA**

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## San Francisco – Osaka Sister City Association

June 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of San Francisco/Osaka Sister City Association, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million currently allocated for the Peace Plaza in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kimura, MBE  
Co-Chair

Allen Okamoto  
Co-Chair

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The Honorable London N. Breed

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**Subject:** Letter of Support  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 11:21:28 AM  
**Attachments:** [20200602111712009.pdf](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached our letter asking for your support for the Peace Plaza Project in the full amount of \$25M.

Thank you,  
Richard Hashimoto  
Board Member



June 2, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Golden Gate Institute, Inc, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Richard Hashimoto  
Board Member

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Attached please find my letter in support of the long awaited and much needed renovations to the Japantown Peace Plaza.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Paul Gamba



June 1, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a native-born San Franciscan, who did his higher education in San Francisco, and resides in San Francisco, I am writing to urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

The Japanese American and the Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for this space to be properly repaired. An open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of Japantown residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors needs to be created.

The Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown. It is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles which San Francisco's Japanese American community has endured. This project is extremely meaningful for the Japantown community as the Peace Plaza area itself was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses.

After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the United States Government and Military during World War II, the Japanese American community was then once again forced out of their neighborhood a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency – this time under the guise of redevelopment and progress.

The eviction of the Japanese American Community twice resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of property and personal wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property. This was merely pennies on the dollar of actual value.

While the Japanese American Community does not dwell on the fact that The City of San Francisco forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the Peace Plaza space.

I understand that San Francisco has many priorities, but The Japanese American Community has been more than patient. The time has come for the City of San Francisco to address the matter of the Peace Plaza. The Peace Plaza is a community gathering space, which is critical to the economy of the Japantown neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of Japantown. The Peace Plaza serves as a reminder of the forced incarceration of innocent Japanese Americans who lost all of their Civil Rights and Liberties during WWI, of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States and of the wrongs done by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency on Japantown.



San Francisco's Japantown is one of only three remaining Japantowns in the United States. It is vital to maintain Japantown as it is and not let it dissolve into oblivion and memories of what was once San Francisco. We must preserve the history of San Francisco.

San Francisco needs to do the right thing now. We must attempt to redress the wrongs done to the Japanese American Community here in San Francisco during WWII and by The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. By supporting the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond you will be doing the right thing and demonstrating that San Francisco recognizes past atrocities suffered by the Japanese American Community. This is merely a small portion of what is owed to the Japanese American Community.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at any time, should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Gamba

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June 1, 2020

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City Hall, Room 244  
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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a life-long San Francisco resident and fourth generation Japanese-American, I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese-American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese-American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese-American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space that addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

My family and I, along with our friends and neighbors, urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond. A copy of this letter with my signature is attached. Thank you for your support in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine Okamoto  
San Francisco Resident and Small Business Owner

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June 1, 2020

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

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While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space that addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

My family and I, along with our friends and neighbors, urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,



Katherine Okamoto  
San Francisco Resident and Small Business Owner

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Pika Pika, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kimura

Owner

Pika Pika

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Thanks for visiting PikaPika! Enjoy your pictures, and we hope to see you again soon!

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a board member of Kimochi, I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly renovated. Creating an inviting area that reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors is a top priority for the economic vitality of the neighborhood.

Peace Plaza, the only open space in Japantown, is also deeply symbolic of the struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for us because the Peace Plaza area was once a bustling with Japanese American residents and businesses.

After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, Japanese Americans were forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. Families and businesses in the community lost a staggering amount of wealth because of this eviction, but they had to accept the price offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired the area where Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many priorities, but our community is adamant. We have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter.

The residential base of Japantown may never return, but having a suitable, attractive open space to gather is critical to the long-term sustainability of this neighborhood.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Peter Namkung



**From:** [George Omi](#)  
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Dear Supervisor,

I respectfully submit to you my letter (attached) for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

George Omi

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June 1, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:  
To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am among a vanishing generation of Japanese Americans, a Nisei, who was born on December 15, 1930 in San Francisco. My parents, sister, relatives, friends, and our entire community of Japanese Americans in San Francisco and all of the state of California were evacuated, relocated and incarcerated during the War.

And years later, after the War, when our working community and friends in San Francisco's Japantown had risen from near extinction to recovery, they were evacuated and relocated once again, when they received notices of eviction, eminent domain, followed by the demolition of their stores and homes with an ensuing construction of a Japan Center mall, where their homes and businesses once lay. ■

And so I urge you to support the full amount of the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza, currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

This plaza, the center piece of Japantown, is in dire need of renovation. It was once as beautiful and sacred as its Pagoda, designed by Toshio Taniguchi, a brilliant Japanese master architect. The Plaza was also a reminder of where many of our friends and their families once lived. But then this memorial was stripped of its adornments due to a water leakage problem, which began soon after the plaza was constructed more than fifty years ago.

This wasted plaza was then transformed by the Japanese traditions of the past, from a place of worship, contemplation and meditation into a community gathering place. The only open space in Japantown, has become a center piece of activity, filled with thousands of people throughout the year, to celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival, Children's Day, Japan Day, SF Anime Festival & Cosplay, Origami Palooza, Nihonmachi Street Fair, Sumo Exhibition, Osaka Festival, and Aki Matsuri.

Through public meetings with the residents, business owners and organizations in Japantown, supported by the San Francisco Japantown Task Force, the Park & Recreation Department, together with the Department of Public Works, developed a plan for renovation, which will not only improve the look of the plaza, but will better accommodate its annual events, and attract even more visitors to Japantown to celebrate its heritage. This plan also came with a \$25 million cost estimate, which covers the renovation to the plaza, as well as prevent further leaks of water into the garage below

And so I hope you understand our need for your help in addressing a problem which has festered in our community for decades. We ask for no more than to fix what is broken. Thank you.

Sincerely,

George Omi  
Landscape Architect, retired  
Member of SF Japanese American Community

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**From:** [Mercedes Stuefen](#)  
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Good morning,

The attached letter was sent this morning to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

Mercedes Stuefen

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**From:** Mercedes Stuefen  
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**To:** bos-supervisors@sfgov.org  
**Cc:** Beau Simon <BSimon@cwclaw.com>  
**Subject:** Japantown Task Force Letter

Dear Board,

On behalf of Mr. Simon, this email shall serve as a transmission for the attached letter from the Japantown Task Force.

Sincerely,

Mercedes Stuefen

Mercedes Stuefen  
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Beau Simon  
201 California Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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June 1, 2020

Via Email: ([bos-supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:bos-supervisors@sfgov.org))

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
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San Francisco, California 94102

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Japantown Task Force, I write to urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses, and visitors.

As you know, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of the Japanese and Japanese American community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While the Japanese and Japanese American community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, the Japantown Task Force believes that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but the Japanese and Japanese American community is adamant that it has been more than patient and it is time for this city to address -- and redress -- this matter. The residential base of the Japanese and Japanese American community may never return to this area, and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space that addresses the needs, and represents the character, of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

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I urge you to support the full \$25 million currently allocated for the Japantown Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

Sincerely,



Beau Simon

Member, Board of Directors, Japantown Task Force

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June 1, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of (organization), we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Nobuko Saito Cleary  
President  
Cross Cultural Communications

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of neighbors living in the Western Addition neighborhood, we are a family who utilizes the Peace Plaza and we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. My children also go to school located in Japantown and use the Peace Plaza for field trips and community events. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Thaomy Beltran, PT, DPT

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**From:** [Kristine Hashimoto](#)  
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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am a Japanese American, born and raised in San Francisco. I grew up in Japantown and have great memories in the Peace Plaza with my grandparents who are now watching me from above. We used to walk over here and they'd let me run around and chase birds. As I grew up I often hung out in the Peace Plaza with my friends while attending JCYC's summer program, which my children now attend and use the space accordingly. We've attended many festivals and cultural events here in the Peace Plaza. It is very important to our community and I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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Sincerely,  
Kristine Hashimoto

**From:** [Wayne Hiroshima](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** PEACE PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT  
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May 29, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

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On behalf of Christ United Presbyterian Church's congregation we urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Reverend Doctor Grace Kaori Suzuki  
Pastor, Christ United Presbyterian Church

Wayne T. Hiroshima  
Clerk of Session

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**From:** [Hiroshi Shimizu](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org); [Steve Ishii](#)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 5:16:49 PM  
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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,



Hiroshi Shimizu  
President  
Tule Lake Committee

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Tule Lake Committee  
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P.O. Box 170141

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May 29, 2020

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hiroshi Shimizu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hiroshi Shimizu  
President  
Tule Lake Committee

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**From:** [Max Chan](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza Project  
**Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 1:05:53 PM

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Greetings Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I hope this finds you well.

As a young adult who has grown up in and found success because of the community of SF Japantown, I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. My community has waited nearly 20 years (almost as long as I have been alive) for this initiative, which will bring life and much needed improvements to the place I call home away from home.

With the myriad of struggles my community has faced over the course of Japantown's history, I know how vital this space is for us to continue to provide the traditions and culture that help make this city the best place to be. **I am a proud Japanese-American who has been shaped by the environment that is SF Japantown.** I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 29 located at the Buddhist Church of SF on Octavia St. I am a former member of Gen Taiko hosted by the JCCNC. I am a young adult who lives and attends college in Seattle, WA, a city that cannot be proud of a Japantown (theirs is a small block within the International District), and have seen what it's like to not have a strong cultural footprint in a similar metropolitan area. Japanese in the Seattle area do not have this iconic space to gather and unite, and **I would be heartbroken to see the same happen in the place where I grew up.**

San Francisco has many things that need attention, but I know that the residential base of our community may never return to this area, along with the cultural richness that makes San Francisco the phenomenal city that it is. Having this space that shows the heart and soul of Japantown, but more importantly, San Francisco's Japanese heritage, is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community, and will also give future generations like myself the opportunities to celebrate their culture. **Please consider those who will come after myself and those also writing you letters, as they will be the ones most impacted.**

I hope to count on your support for the full \$25 million currently allocated for our Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond, and that you will bring positivity to the members of my community.

Sincerely,  
Max Tokuo Chan  
San Francisco Born and Raised

**From:** [mikiko shimabe](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
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**Attachments:** [2020 Letter to SF Board of Supervisors \(Miki\).PDF](#)

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

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THE JAPANESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
of Northern California

May 30, 2020

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

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mikiko Shimabe', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mikiko Shimabe  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Hokka Nichibei Kai

cc: Angela.calvillo@sfgov.org  
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**From:** [takao shimabe](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org); [Hokka Nichibeikai](#)  
**Subject:** Japan Town Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2020 3:14:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [2020 Letter to SF Board of Supervisors \(Takao\).PDF](#)

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Sincerely,

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Takao Shimabe  
Member of Hokka Nichibei Kai

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**From:** [Mari Kawaguchi](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Support for Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
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Sincerely,



Mari A. Kawaguchi  
Kimochi, Inc.  
Board of Director

Pine United Methodist Church  
Board of Trustee

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Alisa.somera@sfgov.org  
Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org  
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**From:** [Mitsuko Omachi](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org);  
[info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
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I support the full \$25 million current allocated for peace plaza in the Health and Recovery.

(date)

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Sincerely,

(name) *Mitsuko Omachi*  
(title)

cc: Angela.calvillo@sfgov.org  
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**From:** [Mitsuko Omachi](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Japan town peace plaza  
**Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 3:11:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [Epson\\_05312020140334.pdf](#)

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Mitsuko Omachi](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Japan town peace plaza  
**Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 3:11:59 PM

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On Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:10 PM Mitsuko Omachi <[matchaomachi@gmail.com](mailto:matchaomachi@gmail.com)> wrote:  
I support the full \$25 million current allocated for peace plaza in the Health and Recovery.

**From:** [Todd Eshima](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
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Dear All,

Please find attached our letter in support of the Peace Plaza renovation project.

Thank you,  
The Eshima Family

May 30, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As long time Japanese American residents of San Francisco, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

The Peace Plaza is one of the precious reminders of the cultural enclaves that make San Francisco special. We welcome all, but we celebrate culture. This is an important theme of inclusivity that city leadership is starting to forget about as we undergo gentrification and manhattanization. This city is becoming a playground for the rich and starting to forget about the hardworking families that work and play here who create cohesiveness and consistency for the city.

The Peace Plaza is the where the heartbeat of Japantown resides. This is the home of numerous festivals, parades and performances that gives this city its color and flavor. The Peace Plaza is the focal point for a community fighting for its survival. What will it take for people to recognize how important it is to save and assist the cultural communities that make San Francisco great before these communities are gone and we are just left with acres of condos for people who are uninterested in laying roots and creating a sense of loyalty and ownership in community?

The Plaza is not only a celebration of community, but it is also a poignant reminder of past mistakes. The mistakes of racism and prejudice that uprooted and tore apart a peaceful community. The same community that sent their sons to fight and die for this country. The Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community.

Let's preserve, protect and support what makes San Francisco special before it's gone forever. This project is an important priority and we urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

*Todd Eshima*

*Shellin Young*

*Kelly Eshima*

*Keith Eshima*

*Grant Eshima*

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**Cc:** [Anela.Calvillo@sfgov.org](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.McHugh@sfgov.org](#); [Japantown Task Force](#)  
**Subject:** \$25 Million - Health/Recovery Bond Measure - Peace Plaza Renovation  
**Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 5:12:52 PM

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June 1, 2020

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

Members, Board of Supervisors, San Francisco:

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**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza  
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On behalf of my dental practice in Japantown, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,  
Clint K. Taura, DDS  
Dentist, Japantown

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May 31, 2020  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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I urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,  
Jane Saelai

**From:** [grace@nihonmachisf.org](mailto:grace@nihonmachisf.org)  
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**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [Japantown Task Force](#)  
**Subject:** 2020 Health and Recovery Bond - Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:59:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [NSF Japantown Peace Plaza Ltr.pdf](#)

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The Nihonmachi Street Fair is showing our support in the letter attached for the Peace Plaza renovation project and to request your support that it will be included in the final version of the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond.

We as well as many other Japantown community organizations utilizes the Peace Plaza to hold events that not only locals attend, but is an important destination point for millions of visitors. In order to continue holding celebrations to promote our cultural pride and history it needs to be updated so that the Peace Plaza continues to be an important hub of activities for generations to come.

I ask you for your support.

Respectfully,

Grace Horikiri  
Executive Director

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May 28, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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I along with the NSF Board of Directors and Planning Committee urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Nihonmachi Street Fair, Inc.:  
Grace Horikiri  
Executive Director

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**From:** [JanMasaoka](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Japantown Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:24:45 PM

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Why this project deserves the money:

There are so many deserving projects. As San Francisco's tourist economy recovers, it's important to have a wide variety of tourist draws. Japantown draws a very different group of tourists -- many of them from California as well as overseas. It also plays an important role in keeping Japanese visitors -- both tourists and people here on business -- in San Francisco.

Its proximity to St Mary's Cathedral also makes it a commercial district that supports and draws from the church and from the dozens of conferences that are held at St Mary's.

Thank you.

Jan Masaoka  
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**From:** [Rodney Chin](#)  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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Sincerely,  
***Rodney Chin***

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Executive Director  
Buchanan YMCA

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Sincerely,

Christine W. Hiroshima

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**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:59:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation Project- Japantown  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:33:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [Peace Plaza BOS Letter 5.27.2020.pdf](#)

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Aloha,

I grew up on Laguna street between Post and Sutter and spent the majority of my childhood playing in Peace Plaza with my friends after school, performing taiko and Japanese dance at the various Japantown cultural festivals, and participating in community fundraisers and important events such as the Day of Remembrance.

I have fond recollections of the most recent renovation and recall visiting the poster with all the changes that were to be made with excitement and anticipation. Since then, it has been a good space for performances and community gatherings, however there are many things that can be altered and fixed to ensure the enjoyment and safety of the elderly and youth that enjoy that space.

Please see the attached letter and we urge you to pass this project. In a time of difficulty and uncertainty, it would be a beacon of hope for our community.

Thank you!

Jeddie Kawahatsu

5/27/2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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**Subject:** SF PEACE PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:16:10 AM

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Dear Honorable Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to strongly support the renovation of a vital San Francisco community landmark, the San Francisco Peace Plaza Renovation Project in San Francisco's historic Japantown. I have been and continue to be involved in the wider San Francisco international community for now over four decades, including the Japanese and Japanese-American community. I currently serve as co-chair of the SF-Osaka Sister City Association and on the board of the Japan Society of Northern California (president 1995-97). I am also privileged to be serving on this year's Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration Committee. I have seen and been involved in many events that have taken place in the San Francisco Peace Plaza.

San Francisco's Japantown, one of the three remaining in the US, is a destination for many locals and international visitors alike. It is a icon of San Francisco, with its pagoda (a gift from the people of Osaka, Japan) its focal point. The plaza has been subject to flooding and is in disrepair. The community has waited nearly 20 years for this Peace Plaza to be repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of its residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors. The repair and renovation is urgently needed.

I humbly request that this San Francisco Peace Plaza Renovation Project be approved by you all as a project to be placed on the November ballot for a \$25 million bond.

Thank you for your attention, and kind cooperation.

Best wishes  
Kathleen Kimura  
Kathleen Kimura, MBE  
(415) 602-1660

**From:** [Fisher, Lucille \(UCSF\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org](mailto:Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org); [info@japantowntaskforce.org](mailto:info@japantowntaskforce.org)  
**Subject:** \$25M for Japantown Peace Plaza  
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**Attachments:** [Peace Plaza BOS Letter.docx](#)

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Dear members of San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to support the inclusion of the full \$25 million for the Peace Plaza Renovation Project in the 2020 Health and Recovery Bond. Please read the attached letter for critical details.

Sincerely,  
Lucy Fisher

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May 27, 2020

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

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Japantown Task Force, I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. Our community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the history, plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This restoration is particularly meaningful because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, our community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. This eviction again resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property. These economic damages added to social, religious, educational and artistic losses to individuals and families.

Since the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, it has a responsibility to care for that space. While San Francisco has many urgent priorities, our community has been waiting 20 years for a safe, beautiful and culturally relevant space. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

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June 2, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

When I relocated to San Francisco ten years ago, I knew two people, and had no family in the area. Yet, it was the Japantown community who welcomed and embraced me. Through the mentorship of community leaders, who entrusted me with leadership roles, I was able to grow and prosper, and truly understand the power of grassroots organizing. As one of the last remaining Japantown in the nation, I think it is of great importance to preserve and save the Peace Plaza, a truly iconic gathering place for our community.

Therefore, I'd like to urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

**We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.**

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Funasaki

Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Japan  
Vice President, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce of Northern California  
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June 2, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
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Dear Members, SF Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project, which is currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

The Peace Plaza is the only open space area in Japantown, and is deeply symbolic of the history and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This is deeply meaningful to us because the land that the Plaza currently occupies was once populated by Japanese American homes, families and businesses. After being forcibly removed from the City and incarcerated by governmental order during World War II, our ancestors would return post-war and re-build the community at great effort and investment. However, they were to be forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. This second eviction resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses, which had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

It was by force and without mutual consent that the City acquired ownership of the land where the Peace Plaza currently stands. Thus, we firmly believe that the City has a responsibility to both care for and safeguard the space. We understand that the City has a myriad of priorities, but our community has been patient for 20 years and it is time for the City to step up. A delay allows for continued deterioration of the Plaza.

The residential base of our community may never return to this area. That is why it is incumbent that the Plaza be preserved and supported, for it serves as a means to draw people to Japantown for events and gatherings that enhance the economic stability and sustainability of the neighborhood. If one should stop by the Plaza, one would see people of all generations and backgrounds enjoying the area on a daily basis.

Our organization, the JACL, is a civil rights and educational organization with 7000 members nationwide. Our National Headquarters has been located in SF Japantown for the past 45 years.

We urge you to support and maintain the full \$25 million currently in the Health and Recovery Fund that is allocated for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Patty Wada*

Patty Wada  
Regional Director  
JACL NCWNP

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of First Voice, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Mark Izu and Brenda Wong Aoki in black ink. The signature for Mark Izu is on the left, and the signature for Brenda Wong Aoki is on the right, written in a cursive style.

Mark Izu and Brenda Wong Aoki

First Voice

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**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: \$25 million - Health Recovery Bond Measure - Peace Plaza Renovation  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:42:42 PM

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May 28, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
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Members, Board of Supervisors, San Francisco,

I am a resident of San Francisco, having lived in Japan Town for the last four years. Originally, I grew up in the central part of California but came to know San Francisco Nihonmachi (Japan Town) as a mecca for Japanese culture as it evolved in the United States. The Plaza is THE focal point in Japan Town and has served as a desirable venue for meeting friends/ family from the City, the Bay Area or other regions of California. The Japan Town Plaza is also a stopping point for visitors from around the world (including Japan) and other regions of the U.S.

As you know, San Francisco has one of only three remaining Japan Towns in the entire U.S. In its current state the Plaza needs much upgrading, repairs, and improvements, something that is long overdue. We are hopeful that our City realizes that the Plaza needs to come up to the 21st century. The \$25 million Bond Measure allocated to this project will help it to come to that fruition. Your vote to approve this project will help to keep San Francisco's Japan Town alive for many years to come.

I strongly urge you to support this \$25 million allocation for the Japan Town Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create a space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses, and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. For us, this project is particularly meaningful because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during WWII, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered to them for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we did feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time to address this matter. The resident base of our community may never return to this area and having the means for bringing people back is critical to the community of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the culture of Japantown is vital to the long-term

sustainability of this community.

I urge you to support the full \$25 million currently allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery Bond.

Sincerely
Alice K. Nakahata

From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:58:30 PM

Alisa Somera

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May, 29, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a Board Member of the Japanese Cultural Center, a Capital Campaign Committee Member of Nihonmachi Little Friends as well as a resident of the neighborhood, I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Susan Mariko Kobayashi  
Community Supporter and Resident

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Susan Mariko Kobayashi / 小林 スーザン 万利子

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond  
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**From:** Potrero del Sol <potrerodelsol@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support on behalf of the Potrero del Sol Community Garden (SF's oldest community garden) for the **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond**. This 2020 Bond will be considered for recommendation by the Board of Supervisors for inclusion on the November Ballot.

Our City's economic and financial situation has changed due to COVID-19. The **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond** will prioritize shovel-ready projects delivering essential government services, support economic recovery through job creation for San Franciscans, provide one-time funding for behavioral health and health access, while prioritizing basic infrastructure investments in our parks and recreation facilities and right-of-way infrastructure so people can get back to work quickly and help San Francisco recover.

During COVID-19, San Francisco residents sought solace and refuge in our City Parks for exercise and better mental health, especially in denser neighborhoods and in Equity Zones. A recent survey by the National Recreation and Park Association found that 83% of American adults agree that visiting their local parks, trails and open spaces are essential for their mental and physical well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. The benefits of parks are long lasting, and it clear that planning for better days ahead will ensure that our open spaces are resilient.

Potrero del Sol supports the **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond City**. In particular, the 2020 Bond has identified several park, open space, and recreation facilities and improvement projects that address a range of benefits for residents and employees to increase quality of life, mental well-being and physical health.

The previous 2008 and 2012 bonds allowed San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to complete over 27 large capital projects and over 130 citywide park projects. This level of commitment and dedication immensely improved our parks system, but much more needs to be done. Please support the **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond City** by approving the Bond proposal for the November 2020 Ballot.

Thank you for supporting of our parks and City!

Mary Beth Pudup

Volunteer coordinator at Potrero del Sol

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: As for the San Francisco Japan Town Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:47:43 PM  
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Subject: As for the San Francisco Japan Town Peace Plaza Renovation Project

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Taiki Ozawa
President



From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:46:22 PM

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**From:** Koichi Fukuda <sashimi1942@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:28 PM

**To:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org

**Cc:** bquan@japantowntaskforce.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org; Koichi Fukuda <sashimi1942@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

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05-28-2020

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm 77 years old & I grew up on Bush & Laguna Street in San Francisco's Japantown. I had a long journey, in 1942 my family was forced into a Concentration Camp (where I was born), in 1947 my family & I returned to San Francisco's Japantown after being released from a Texas Internment Camp. As part of the 1960s Western Addition Redevelopment Project the Japanese Americans, Afro American & others were removed from Japantown. I went to College in LA & worked in Manhattan but returned to the City in 1970. I had a house in the Castro District but sold it & I returned to J-town because it's my homebase. I find comfort, security & culturally relevant. For the Japantown community The Peace Plaza is a very important cultural community symbol that needs to be funded. Please Help!

I & others in the J-town community urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

Thanks you for your support,

Koichi Fukuda

Buchanan Street Apt. 302

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[sashimi1942@yahoo.com](mailto:sashimi1942@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:42:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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From: Cecilia Ching <CChing@ymcasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:00 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>
Cc: Rodney Chin <RChin@ymcasf.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org
Subject: Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project

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Thursday, May 28th, 2020

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Richmond District YMCA, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

On a personal level, I am a San Francisco native who attended high school at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, just a couple of blocks away from Japantown. Some of my fondest memories from those years include hanging out at the Peace Plaza with my friends afterschool, eating some sushi from the nearby Nijiya Market, and taking in the vibrant culture of Japantown. The Peace Plaza has a special place in my heart. This renovation project would allow community members, students, families, and visitors to continue enjoying one of our city's most important cultural landmarks for many years to come.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Ching
Director of Administration & Financial Development
Richmond District YMCA

cc: Angela.calvillo@sfgov.org
Alisa.somera@sfgov.org
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Best regards,
Cecilia




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"I like to score goals, but I also like to have friends among the people I have played with." - Leo Messi

From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:04:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org  
**Subject:** JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Japan Airlines, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocations for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses, and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million currently allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Japantown Peace Plaza  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:03:24 PM

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From: Prouty, Alex (SFOJD) <alex.prouty@jdvhotels.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:36 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org
Subject: Japantown Peace Plaza

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On behalf of Hotel Kabuki, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Alex Prouty

Alex Prouty
General Manager
HOTEL KABUKI | a Joie de Vivre Hotel | a Hyatt Lifestyle Hotel

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Peace Plaza Renovation
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:58:40 PM

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**From:** Samantha Kuang <samantha.kuang@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org  
**Subject:** Peace Plaza Renovation

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On behalf of the Abraham Lincoln Highschool Japanese culture club, we urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

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While our community does not dwell on the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

**Samantha Kuang**


Co-president of ALHS Japanese Culture club

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Peace Plaza- We Need Your Full Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:48:13 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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From: Jeanne M <jeanne_m@pacbell.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:13 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org
Subject: Peace Plaza- We Need Your Full Support

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This community has suffered, as you all are aware, through decades of many troubling times, and now again it seems that the Peace Plaza Renovation Proposal may not be able to move forward as was expected.

Those of us that live in Cathedral Hill, the immediate neighborhood, are excited and anxious to move forward on the entire project, with your full support, that will be possible.

I urge you to support this project as presented, with the full investment that the community has sought of \$25M.

Thank you.

Jeanne Milligan
1220 Ellis Street

From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support \$25 Million Allocation - Japantown Peace Plaza - Health & Recovery Bond Measure
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:47:49 PM

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**From:** rich e <reijima2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; eileen.mchugh@sfgov.org; info@japantowntaskforce.org  
**Subject:** Support \$25 Million Allocation - Japantown Peace Plaza - Health & Recovery Bond Measure

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I respectfully urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the needs of our residents, community organizations, businesses, and patrons.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is significant because the Peace Plaza area was an area once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the United States Government and its military during World War II, the Japanese American community was forcibly displaced a second time by the City's San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The seizure of land and the displacement of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sales price was offered for their property.

While our community does not dwell on the city's forcible acquisition of the property where the Peace Plaza sits, we do feel that San Francisco has a responsibility to sustain maintenance and care of the space. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. Having an open space which represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability for a vibrant community.

I urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for the Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Richard Eijima  
Former Member of the Board of Directors - Nihonmachi Little Friends; Buddhist Church of San Francisco Youth Athletic Organization; and Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

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**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support of 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 5:04:00 PM

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**From:** TRILCE & CHARLES <helpmlpark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
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RE: 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support on behalf of **Help McLaren Park** for the **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond**. This 2020 Bond will be considered for recommendation by the Board of Supervisors for inclusion on the November Ballot.

Our City's economic and financial situation has changed due to COVID-19. The **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond** will prioritize shovel-ready projects delivering essential government services, support economic recovery through job creation for San Franciscans, provide one-time funding for behavioral health and health access, while prioritizing basic infrastructure investments in our parks and recreation facilities and right-of-way infrastructure so people can get back to work quickly and help San Francisco recover.

During COVID-19, San Francisco residents sought solace and refuge in our City Parks for exercise and better mental health, especially in denser neighborhoods and in Equity Zones. A recent survey by the National Recreation and Park Association found that 83% of American adults agree that visiting their local parks, trails and open spaces are essential for their mental and physical well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. The benefits of parks are long lasting, and it clear that planning for better days ahead will ensure that our open spaces are resilient.

Help McLaren Park is supportive of the **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond City**. In particular, the 2020 Bond has identified several parks, open space, and recreation facilities and improvement projects that address a range of benefits for residents and employees to increase quality of life, mental well-being and physical health.

The previous 2008 and 2012 bonds allowed San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to complete over 27 large capital projects and over 130 citywide park projects. This level of commitment and dedication immensely improved our parks system, but much more needs to be done. Many of McLaren Parks projects are only midway finished. (Roadwork, replacing crumbled paths, lighting the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater, Phase II of the Bike Park, Louis Sutter Clubhouse improvements, a restroom at McLaren Playground, etc.) This money is imperative in order to not lose what has begun. Please support the **2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond City** by approving the Bond proposal for the November 2020 Ballot.

Thank you for supporting of our parks and City!

Sincerely,

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Subject: Support the Japantown Peace Plaza Project

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure. The Japantown community has waited nearly 20 years for the space to be properly repaired and to create an open space that appropriately reflects the priorities of our residents, community organizations, businesses and visitors.

As you are aware, the Peace Plaza is the only open space in Japantown and is deeply symbolic of the plight and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This project is particularly meaningful for the Japantown community because the Peace Plaza area was once occupied by Japanese American residents and businesses, which my family has been crossing the Bay Bridge to patronize for decades. After being forcibly removed and incarcerated by the military during World War II, the Japanese American community and Jodo-Shinshu Buddhist community was forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. The eviction of our community resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses who had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

San Francisco has a responsibility to take care of the space, especially in light of the fact that the city forcibly acquired ownership of the area where the Peace Plaza was built. We understand that San Francisco has many urgent priorities, but our community is adamant that we have been more than patient and it is time for this city to address this matter. The residential base of our community may never return to this area and having the means to bring people back is critical to the economy of this neighborhood. Having an open space which addresses the needs and represents the character of Japantown is vital to the long-term sustainability of this community.

We urge you to support the full \$25 million current allocated for Peace Plaza in the Health and Recovery bond.

Sincerely,

Melyssa Minamoto
Oakland, CA

June 2, 2020

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Dear Members, SF Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), I urge you to support the \$25 million allocation for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project, which is currently included in the proposed Health and Recovery Bond Measure.

The Peace Plaza is the only open space area in Japantown, and is deeply symbolic of the history and struggles of San Francisco's Japanese American community. This is deeply meaningful to us because the land that the Plaza currently occupies was once populated by Japanese American homes, families and businesses. After being forcibly removed from the City and incarcerated by governmental order during World War II, our ancestors would return post-war and re-build the community at great effort and investment. However, they were to be forced out a second time by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. This second eviction resulted in the loss of a staggering amount of wealth for the families and businesses, which had no choice but to accept whatever sale price was offered for their property.

It was by force and without mutual consent that the City acquired ownership of the land where the Peace Plaza currently stands. Thus, we firmly believe that the City has a responsibility to both care for and safeguard the space. We understand that the City has a myriad of priorities, but our community has been patient for 20 years and it is time for the City to step up. A delay allows for continued deterioration of the Plaza.

The residential base of our community may never return to this area. That is why it is incumbent that the Plaza be preserved and supported, for it serves as a means to draw people to Japantown for events and gatherings that enhance the economic stability and sustainability of the neighborhood. If one should stop by the Plaza, one would see people of all generations and backgrounds enjoying the area on a daily basis.

Our organization, the JACL, is a civil rights and educational organization with 7000 members nationwide. Our National Headquarters has been located in SF Japantown for the past 45 years.

We urge you to support and maintain the full \$25 million currently in the Health and Recovery Fund that is allocated for the Japantown Peace Plaza Renovation Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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