

United States Senate

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Theresa Ritta
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Real Property Management Services, Program Support Center
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Notice for Surplus Determination – Mission Street Parking at 1064 and 1068 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103; GSA Control No. 9-G-CA-1704-AB; HUD Property No. 5421710008

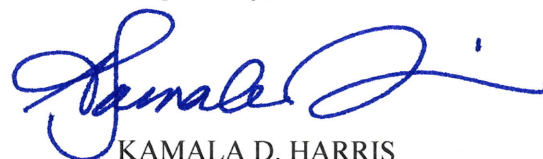
Dear Ms. Ritta:

I write to support the application submitted by the San Francisco's Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to acquire and develop the surplus property located at 1064-68 Mission Street as permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and seniors.

The City of San Francisco and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Development (MOHCD) has made a remarkable investment in permanent supportive housing for the homeless and the acquisition of this property would help them further their efforts to provide stable housing for some of San Francisco's most vulnerable communities. As you know, 1064-1068 Mission Street is currently a parking lot adjacent to the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse. The development of the land to help house some of the over 2,000 chronically homeless individuals that currently reside in San Francisco would much better serve the community and address the needs of the city and its residents.

While homelessness has been on the decline in the country as of 2015, there are still over half a million people who live without permanent shelter or on the street on any given night in America. California is a state acutely affected by this problem, but also remains a state where some of the country's most innovative and successful housing programs have been implemented. This project is an innovative long-term solution to a complicated national issue that would greatly help my constituents in the San Francisco area. Please consider this application pursuant to all existing laws and regulations. My office is prepared to respond to any questions or concerns regarding this matter. Thank you for your attention and support.

Respectfully,



KAMALA D. HARRIS
United States Senator