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City and County of San Francisco

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第一區市參事

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London N. Breed  
Mayor  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, room 200  
San Francisco, CA 94102s

Dear Mayor London N. Breed:

On May 14, 2024, you introduced a \$390 General Obligation Bond for the General Election scheduled for November 5, 2024. I am concerned about elements of this bond proposal that are a departure from the [City's Ten-Year Capital Expenditure Plan](#) approved by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on May 3, 2023 and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 9, 2023, and signed by you on May 19 of the very same year.

The 2023 Capital Plan focuses on the critical needs of the City's Public Health capital improvements recognizing that, if these facilities are neglected, it will have an outsized detrimental impact on the health and well-being of San Franciscans. As elected leaders, if we have learned any important lesson from the pandemic, it is that our public health systems and infrastructure are paramount to keeping our City safe and healthy and saving lives. San Franciscans, especially those who are most vulnerable, will suffer great consequences if we allow capital repairs and renovations to go unaddressed. We must invest in our public health facilities as they are essential to a healthy, safe, and vibrant San Francisco.

We know based on the 2023 proposed and approved capital plan, Chinatown Public Health Center Seismic Retrofit, Silver Avenue Family Health Center Renovation, SF General Hospital Building 3 Retrofit and Renovation, City Clinic Relocation, Critical Infrastructure Repairs for both Laguna Honda Hospital and General Hospital should be high-priority public health bond projects in 2024. The City ought to consider the emerging public health projects such as a childcare center at General Hospital, General Hospital Campus Security Enhancements, and other aging infrastructure projects addressing long outstanding needs at neighborhood clinics. I am pleased to hear your support for these important projects and look forward to working with your administration on how we can fund these priorities and, if possible, to be included in this bond. These are all essential public health infrastructures that deliver vital health care to San Francisco residents.

With the inclusion of \$68.9 million for street improvements in this \$390 million General Obligation Bond, including \$30 million for public plaza and parks improvements. These may reflect important infrastructure needs but they are not critical public health safety needs. As we discussed, I would be happy to work with the administration to identify and secure funding sources for these projects as well, including the recently approved Proposition L in 2022, our sales tax renewal that will bring the City \$2.6 billion worth of transit and street safety improvements; or the state's SB 1 and Federal's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act can also provide public dollars to support these proposed street improvement projects; Certificates of Participation; or other federal and state funding sources.

We must prioritize the health and safety of San Franciscans and those who provide them care. I ask that you prioritize the City's bond dollars and capital investments in public health projects.

Sincerely,



Connie Chan  
Chair, Budget Committee  
Supervisor, District 1

CC:

Aaron Peskin, Board President

Carmen Chu, City Administrator

Brian Strong, Director of Office of Resilience and Capital Planning

Capital Planning Committee

Dr. Grant Colfax, Director San Francisco Department of Public Health

Kim Tavaglione was named Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council

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