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Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the board and staff of the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District, I would like to submit this letter of support for passage of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's CHHESS Report at the upcoming Land Use Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**LEATHER & LGBTQ
CULTURAL DISTRICT**

January 23, 2025

Supervisor Myrna Melgar
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Dear Supervisors,

The board and staff of the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District are pleased to offer this letter of support for the passage of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's Cultural History, Housing and Economic Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) Report.

Our own CHHESS Report passed the Board of Supervisors in July of 2024 and has proven to be a valuable roadmap in planning and executing policies and activations in our District, furthering our purpose of maintaining and growing a vibrant and thriving community. We are confident that as our sibling Cultural Districts are able to enact their own sets of strategies, that the City of San Francisco will benefit from the results.

San Francisco is a city of diversity and inclusion. The neighborhoods' celebrations of their history and cultures weave a fabric that is rich and varied. We are fortunate that the City has had the foresight to create cultural districts which maintain that variety.

We wholeheartedly endorse passage of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's CHHESS and look forward to continue to work with them for the good of the city.

Sincerely,

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Note: resending with an edit to a typo in the last submission. Please disregard the letter sent yesterday for the corrected one below.

Honorable Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee:

It is with great pleasure I submit our support for the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's CHHESS. As Director of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, I understand the depth of research, engagement, and writing that goes into developing this report.

Within the six areas of the CHHESS Report, common across all of our sister cultural districts, the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's strategies and actions reflect their history and the impacts their community has faced over the years.

I urge you to vote unanimously to pass their CHHESS to the full board and pass it without changes.

Lily



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Colleagues & Friends,

Please see my attached letter in support of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District CHHESS which the Land Use and Transportation Committee is scheduled to review on Monday, January 27. Thank you for your valuable consideration.

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JAPANTOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee
San Francisco City Hall
VIA E-MAIL

January 22, 2025

RE: Support for the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District

To the Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Japantown Cultural District, a project of the Japantown Task Force, I would like to express strong support for the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District CHHES (Cultural History, Economic Sustainability Strategy) Report presented by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for your review on Monday, January 27.

The CHHES represents many hours of dedicated collaborative work between the Castro LGBTQ community, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, and MOHCD Cultural District staff. In 2023, under the very capable leadership of Castro LGBTQ Cultural District Director Tina Aguirre, the Cultural District sponsored a new "Circle of Change" mural honoring lesbian and transgender Black women activists. Through frequent Facebook posts, Cultural District staff publicizes important events such as the Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits 25-year anniversary celebration, the Castro Menorah Lighting Ceremony, and Board of Supervisors hearings on youth housing. The Cultural District has become the connector of all things LGBTQ locally and beyond.

The timing could not be more crucial as the LGBTQ community is facing attacks from the new Administration and its supporters. There is no doubt in my mind that the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District, by celebrating diversity, inclusion, and pride, will save lives. Finally, the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District CHHES is an important blueprint for a resilient future and I urge your support.

Sincerely,

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