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March 13, 2013

Supervisor London Breed
City Hall, Room 244
City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Supervisor Breed:

Thank you for agreeing to introduce the Board of Supervisors resolution approving, for the purposes of the Internal Revenue Code, the issuance of tax exempt obligations (the "Obligations") by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (the "Authority") on behalf of the French American International School (the "Corporation" or the "School"), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to finance and refinance various projects owned by the Corporation or an affiliate. I respectfully request introduction of the resolution at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Pursuant to the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA), to facilitate the tax exemption of interest on the Obligations the City is required to conduct a public hearing and to approve the financing by the Authority. The Office of Public Finance held such hearing on Wednesday, January 9, notice of which was published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on December 24, 2012. The action by the Board acknowledges that the hearing was duly held and that the financing is proceeding.

The Obligations will be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6.5 million. I have performed a limited due diligence review of information pertaining to the project and proposed financing that I have summarized below.

The Borrower

The French American International School was founded in February 1962 and originally known as the French-American Bilingual School. The School currently operates as an independent pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school with over 1,000 students.

The Project

The proceeds of the Obligations will be loaned to the School to: (1) finance various capital improvements made with respect to certain educational facilities located at 1155 Page Street, San

Francisco, California 94117 and at 150 Oak Street, San Francisco, California 94102, including the construction, improvement and equipping of such facilities, equipment acquisition and related costs, all located at the above locations; and (2) payment of costs of issuance related to the Obligation and other related costs (collectively, the "Projects").

Financing Information

Assuming all required approvals are obtained, the Authority expects to issue tax-exempt obligations in an amount not to exceed \$6.5 million. Bond Counsel on the transaction is Sidley Austin LLP.

Public Approval Process

The City and County of San Francisco is a participating member of the Authority, a joint powers authority. The Authority is authorized to issue bonds, notes, certificates of participation, or other forms of indebtedness, including refunding previously issued debt. As noted above, federal tax law requires that the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is located approve the financing and the project after providing the opportunity for a duly-noticed public hearing before the Obligations may be issued on a tax-exempt basis.

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact me at (415) 554-6902, if you any questions or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony Ababon
Bond Associate

Cc: Jason Elliott, Director of Legislative & Governmental Affairs
Kenneth Roux, Deputy City Attorney

Attachments