

From: [Sarah Xu](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Eddie Ahn](#); [Tan Chow](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); list.lew@sfgov.org
Subject: Letter in Support of Portsmouth Square Improvement Project
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 1:25:57 PM
Attachments: [Letter in Support of Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton,

Attached to this email, you will find Brightline Defense Project's ("Brightline") letter in support of the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Best Wishes,
Sarah Xu
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Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 7, 2022

President Shamann Walton
President
Board of Supervisors
Legislative Chamber, Room 250
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement [File No. 2220327]

Dear President Walton,

Brightline Defense Project (“Brightline”) strongly supports the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street and the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project. Brightline is an environmental justice nonprofit working to empower communities and build sustainable environments. Brightline works with San Francisco Chinatown community organizations on air quality concerns, food insecurity, parks and green space, SRO resident needs, language access, and workforce development. We believe greater resources are needed for San Francisco Chinatown residents to further environmental justice especially as catastrophic climate events will disproportionately impact our most vulnerable communities.

The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is important for the Chinatown community’s access to green space and for building community resilience. Additionally, this project is created by, supported by, and designed for residents, park users, and the Chinatown community. As a densely populated neighborhood, Portsmouth Square is critical green space to the community and often dubbed the “living room” of Chinatown. The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project will open up additional outdoor and indoor community space and create a necessary resiliency center for Chinatown. The removal of the bridge in the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project will open up significant green space and provide space for community services such as respite from extreme weather and air quality conditions.

The Chinatown community has created this vision for Portsmouth Square through extensive community engagement and public workshops over eight years and public workshops hosted by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. The Chinatown community overwhelmingly supported a vision for Portsmouth Square that does not include the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street.

Brightline strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project for the benefit of Chinatown residents and strongly requests the Board of Supervisors to revoke the Street Encroachment Agreement.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Ahn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eddie Ahn, Executive Director

cc:

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(via email - board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)

Lisa Lew
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From: [Tammy Hung](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); angela.cavillo@sfgov.org
Subject: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement: File No 220327
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 11:06:01 AM
Attachments: [CCDC Letter in Support of Revocation of Encroachment Agreement.pdf](#)

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Please see attached letter in support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement from Chinatown Community Development Center.

Regards,
Tammy Hung
Deputy Director of Programs
Chinatown Community Development Center

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



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Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton,

Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) strongly supports the revocation of the Street Encroachment Agreement and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the “*Private Kearny Street Bridge*”).

The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is created by, supported by, and designed for residents, park users, and the Chinatown community. This vision is the result of over 8 years of community engagement, capital needs assessments, current and projected use studies, planning and design. The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department conducted extensive outreach with stakeholders and hosted five (5) public workshops over a period of more than two (2) years. The overwhelming majority support a vision for Portsmouth Square that does not include the Private Kearny Street Bridge. The Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission each unanimously approved an Environmental Impact Report and the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project

Portsmouth Square is often referred to as the “living room of Chinatown.” Chinatown is the most densely populated area west of Manhattan and has one of the lowest opens space per capita in the City as well as one the highest poverty rates in the City. Many of the Chinatown residents are elderly and live in 10’ x 10’ single-room occupancy units and in very cramped living conditions without a family room or living room or outdoor space. These residents rely on Portsmouth Square and the few other parks to be their living room and opportunity to be outdoors.

The revocation of the Street Encroachment Agreement will expand access to useable outdoor space and indoor community facilities. The project will provide over 20,000 useable additional outdoor space and over 8,000 indoor community space. The community facility will be a necessary resiliency center for Chinatown. Residents can find refuge during times of extreme cold or heat, a place to breathe clean air during days of poor air quality, a central place for food



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The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is crucial for Chinatown and will be an integral community facility for residents and the revitalization of Chinatown. The revocation of the Street Encroachment Agreement and removal of the Private Kearny Street Bridge will realize the new vision for Portsmouth Square.

CCDC strongly requests the Board of Supervisors to revoke the Street Encroachment Agreement. It is time for a new Portsmouth Square and build the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Very Truly Yours,

Tammy Hung

cc:

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(via email)

From: [Michelle Zhao](#)
To: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\); Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 1:42:58 PM

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Apologies, the previous email address used for the BOS was incorrect.

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 1:33 PM Michelle Zhao <michelle.zhao@cpasf.org> wrote:

Hello President Walton and Clerk Cavillo,

On behalf of the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA), please see the attached Organizational Letter in Support of the Revocation of the Street Encroachment Agreement

Sincerely,

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Michelle Zhao

Executive Coordinator

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From: [Dennis Hong](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Portsmouth Sq pedestrian Bridge BoS mtg 4.12.202
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:52:49 PM

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all the best,
Dennis

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To: [Dennis Hong](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Re: Portsmouth Sq pedestrian Bridge BoS mtg 4.12.202
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:57:23 PM

Thanks! The breakdown of costs is in the file for the item and can be accessed on the Board's website under the agenda item.

Aaron

From: Dennis Hong <dennisjames888@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:52:20 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
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To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Portsmouth Sq pedestrian Bridge BoS mtg 4.12.202
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 10:21:22 AM

Good morning Mr. Peskin, thanks again for your all 2quick response here. Will try to access this doc. As a retired construction project manger simple things like this fall thru the crack and soon balloon to a major Change Order with\$\$\$\$.

Best,
Dennis

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 09:57:37 PM PDT, Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org> wrote:

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Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:52:20 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
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From: [Justin Hoover](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); alow@perkinscoie.com
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Pedestrian Bridge
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5:17:16 PM
Attachments: [CHINESE.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton and members of the Board of Supervisors,

Attached here is our letter pertaining to the issue of the pedestrian bridge. We support its removal.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Many thanks for being receptive to our remarks and recommendations.

Best regards,

Justin

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Justin Charles Hoover
Executive Director
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VIA E-MAIL: shamann.walton@sfgov.org

The Honorable Shamann Walton
President
Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 250
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

**Re: Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
File No.: 220327
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM**

Dear President Walton:

The Chinese Historical Society of America ("CHSA") supports the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the "Private Bridge"). Founded in 1963, CHSA is the oldest organization in the United States dedicated to the interpretation, promotion, and preservation of the social, cultural, and political history and contributions of the Chinese in America.

As you may know, the early Chinese in San Francisco called Portsmouth Square "Fah Yuen Gok" (花園角) or the "park corner," a name the community still uses today. The square was the center for the City's earliest public celebrations and ceremonies. On August 28, 1850, two prominent members of the Chinese community, Norman Asing and A-He, led the Chinese residents to the square in front of the old Mexican Customs House for a special public ceremony welcoming them to the City with then-Mayor John Gary, Reverend Albert Williams, and other representatives of the City. Since that day, Chinatown's residents have relied on Portsmouth Square as a public refuge and relief from overcrowded living conditions. For many decades, the square has served as their only access to open space and meeting space and as, in effect, Chinatown's living room.

The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project (the "Project") was created and supported by residents and park users for the benefit of the entire Chinatown community. The Project will provide more than 20,000 square feet of additional useable outdoor space and 8,000 square feet of indoor community space. It represents a new vision for Portsmouth Square, as the

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improvements are crucial to the provision of a community facility for residents and neighborhood revitalization.

It is our understanding that no fewer than three city commissions unanimously approved the Project's vision after an extensive, robust, and multi-year public outreach effort. However, that vision -- supported by an overwhelming majority of community stakeholders -- excludes the Private Bridge. The time has come to recognize the improvidence of the encroachment agreement and reclaim the square's precious space for the community.

We urge you and your colleagues to revoke the above-referenced Street Encroachment Agreement as expeditiously as possible. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA



Justin Hoover
Executive Director

cc:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(via email - board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)

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From: jenny.bach@apicouncil.org on behalf of [Cally Wong](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: API Council Letter of Support: Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 1:32:54 PM
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Hello,

Please see the attached API Council of San Francisco's letter of support for the Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement.

Best,

Cally

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Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.: 220327

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Sincerely,

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Cally Wong
API Council Director

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To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [Carly Finkle](#)
Subject: CAA's Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
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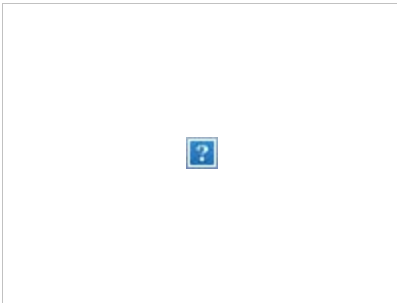
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Dear President Walton,

Attached please find a letter from Chinese for Affirmative Action. Thank you.

Best regards,
Annie Lee

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Annie Lee, Esq. | 李申申

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We strongly request the revocation of the Street Encroachment Agreement. It is time for the new vision for Portsmouth Square, and we urge the City to build the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Sincerely,

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Vincent Pan

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From: [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: API Council Letter of Support: Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
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Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 12:31:49 PM
To: Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Summers, Ashley (REC) <ashley.summers@sfgov.org>
Cc: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>; Tan Chow <Tandchow@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

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Cally Wong
API Council Director

cc:

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(via email - board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)

Lisa Lew
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From: [Kitty Fong](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 12:22:29 AM
Attachments: [Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Improvement Agreement RPDC.docx](#)

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Honorable President Walton,

Attached, please find our letter in support of the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the bridge. We appreciate your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Kitty Fong
President
Rose Pak Democratic Club



Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 12, 2022

President Shamann Walton
President
Board of Supervisors
Legislative Chamber, Room 250
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton

The Rose Pak Democratic Club (RPDC) strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the “*Private Kearny Street Bridge*”).

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Very Truly Yours,

Kitty Fong
President

Jeremy Lee
Vice President

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From: [John Chan](#)
To: [Michael Chan](#); [John Chan](#); [Gordon Chan](#); [Gordon Chan](#); [Gordon Chan](#); [Gordon Chan](#); [Gordon Chan](#)
Subject: Support of Renovation of Street Encroachment Agreement File No 200227 - Kaitery 54 private bridge in public park space
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:00:12 AM



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To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Cabilla, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [tanchoy@cityofsanfrancisco.gov](#); [Angela.Lisa](#)
Subject: Support of Association of Street Encroachment Agreement: File No 220327 *** Portsmouth Square Improvement Project***
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 5:53:42 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton, Supervisors, Angela, Lisa:

Thank you for your hardwork on the BOS and supports for Americas' oldest and best Chinatown!





Committee for Better Parks & Recreation in Chinatown
Chinatown Community Development Center

From: tkohler@cmacsf.com
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement, File No.:220327
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 2:54:35 PM
Attachments: [20220411 Letter of Support to demolish Bridge Potrsmouth Square to SF Supervisors.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Dear President Walton,

On behalf of the Interim Executive Director of the Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative we would like to submit this letter of support to remove the pedestrian bridge at Portsmouth Square.

With our best regards,

Tom Kohler
Director of Operations and Administration



April 10, 2022

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Via Email: shamann.walton@sfgov.org

Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.:220327

Dear President Walton,

The Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative (CMAC) strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the "**Private Kearny Street Bridge**"). The removal of the Bridge will enable the expansion of the much-needed open space in a neighborhood where open space is a fraction of other communities.

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Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mabel S. Teng'.

Mabel Teng
Interim Executive Director

cc:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(via email - board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)

Lisa Lew
Office of the Clerk of the Board
(via email - lisa.lew@sfgov.org)

From: [Jaynry Mak](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [Nancy Lim-Yee](#)
Subject: File #220327 - Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 2:12:47 PM
Attachments: [Support Letter for Improvement Project.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton,

Please see the attached Letter of Support for the above-referenced file.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jaynry Mak
President, Portsmouth Plaza Parking Corporation

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Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton:

Portsmouth Parking Plaza Corporation is the nonprofit public benefit corporation that manages the Portsmouth Square Garage built by our community in 1962.

This letter shall serve as our strong support for the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street.

We support the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project, as created, supported, and designed for residents, park users, and our Chinatown community. This vision is the result of over 8 years of community engagement, capital needs assessments, current and projected use studies, planning and design. The overwhelming majority support a vision for Portsmouth Square that does not include the Kearny Street pedestrian bridge.

Portsmouth Square is a significant and important historic and cultural space for our community. The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is crucial for Chinatown and will be an integral community facility for residents and the revitalization of Chinatown by greatly expanding access to useable outdoor space and indoor community facilities. The community facility will be a necessary resiliency center for Chinatown

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Sincerely,

Jaynry Mak
President

cc: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
via Email to: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org

Lisa Lew, Office of the Clerk of the Board
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From: [Adopt-An-Alleyway Youth](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement for Pedestrian Bridge Kearny Street
Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022 12:32:39 AM
Attachments: [AAA Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement.pdf](#)

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Dear Clerk Angela Calvillo,

I am sending the letter in support for the revocation of street encroachment agreement for the pedestrian bridge on Kearny Street on behalf of Adopt-An-Alleyway. Please see the pdf attached. This is for the public hearing taking place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 3pm, file no. 220327.

Best Regards,
Wenyi Su, President
Adopt-An-Alleyway



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Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 7, 2022

President Shamann Walton
President
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Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton

On behalf of the Adopt-An-Alleyway Youth Empowerment Project (AAA), we strongly support the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the "Private Kearny Street Bridge").

Since 1991, Adopt-An-Alleyway has been active in the Chinatown community through leading alleyway cleanups, resident service, and beautification projects such as the mosaics located on Wentworth that are meant to deter graffiti while making the alleyways look more friendly and inviting. We also provide intergenerational bonding between our youth and seniors so that they are more aware of one another's generation and the different needs that are presented in the different generations. Just like how our intergenerational programs have helped to combat senior isolations in CCDC SRO buildings and affordable senior buildings, Portsmouth Square is an important part of Chinatown residents' lifestyle and well-being. Portsmouth Square is often referred to as the "living room" of Chinatown. Residents and the community rely on Portsmouth Square as relief from otherwise overcrowded living conditions and as their only access to open space and meeting space.

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We strongly request revoking the Street Encroachment Agreement. It is time for a new vision for Portsmouth Square and the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Very Truly Yours,
Wenyi Su, President
Adopt-An-Alleyway Youth Empowerment Project
adoptanalleyway@gmail.com

cc:

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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From: [Dixon Li](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Date: Sunday, April 10, 2022 2:50:45 PM
Attachments: [Support Letter - PSQ Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement - RPCF.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton and the Clark of the Board of Supervisors:

I am submitting a letter from the Rose Pak Community Fund in support of the revocation of the street agreement encroachment agreement for the scheduled B.O.S hearing on 4/12 at 3:00pm. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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Dixon Li
[Rose Pak Community Fund](#)
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Via Email shamann.walton@sfgov.org

April 10, 2022

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Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement

Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM

File No.: 220327

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Very Truly Yours,

Dixon Li

Director,
Rose Pak Community Fund

cc:

Angela Calvillo

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From: [Jenny Leung](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement, File No.: 220327
Date: Sunday, April 10, 2022 3:42:47 PM
Attachments: [Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement support letter CCC.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton,

Please find Letter of Support from the Chinese Culture Center and Foundation of San Francisco (CCC).

Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.: 220327

Best regards,

Jenny Leung

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Jenny Leung 梁凱欣
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File No.: 220327

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Dear President Walton,

The Chinese Culture Center and Foundation of San Francisco (CCC) strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project, which includes the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street that connects the Hilton Financial District Hotel and CCC to Portsmouth Square (the “*Private Kearny Street Bridge*”).

Executive Director
Jenny Leung

CCC’s mission is to elevate the underserved and be a voice for equality through education and contemporary arts. Rooted in Chinatown since 1965, CCC has a long history of presenting bold art with social transformation and community impact by sparking critical dialogues on equity. We provide a safe environment for artists who champion activism, resiliency, and healthy communities. In doing so, we shift dominant narratives, empower change, and reimagine our futures.

Advisory Council
Manni Liu
Norman Yee

Portsmouth Square is often referred to as the “living room” of Chinatown. Residents and the community rely on Portsmouth Square as relief from otherwise overcrowded living conditions and as their only access to open space to gather, come together and build community.

XianRui Artists
Dora Hsiung
Summer Lee
Beili Liu
Cathy Lu
Adrian Wong
Stella Zhang
Chongbin Zheng

Over the last decade, CCC has put forth a “Museum Without Walls” to activate public space in the neighborhood and to create greater access to arts and education for the community. Portsmouth Square is a vitally important gathering site - such as, hosting the annual Chinatown Music Festival for residents to enjoy music and dance, the Chinatown Art & History Walking tour for students across the Bay Area to learn about the community’s activism and public art. During the pandemic, the community utilized Portsmouth Square to gather outdoors safely for art actions in solidarity with Black Lives Matter, and Rally against Anti-Asian hate and violence.

Senior Advisor
Mabel S. Teng

Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement

April 9, 2022

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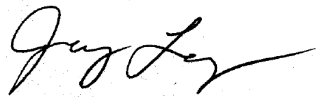
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CCC supports a vision that will improve quality of life and create more opportunities to access public space and the arts for the community. The Portsmouth Square Improvement Project is critical to this vision. It will be an integral community facility for residents and the revitalization of Chinatown.

We are in support of the revocation of the Street Encroachment Agreement to build a better vision for Portsmouth Square and the community's future.

Very Truly Yours,



Jenny Leung
Executive Director
Chinese Culture Foundation

cc: Angela Calvillo
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From: [Kari Lee](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for revocation of street encroachment agreement-portsmouth square
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 2:47:59 PM
Attachments: [letterhead.portsmouth.support.4.8.22.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton,

I respectfully submit this letter of support regarding the Portsmouth Square Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement.

Thank you,

Kari

Kari Lee

District Executive Director, Chinatown, Mission & DIG/Equity

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April 8 2022

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President, Board of Supervisors
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Re: Letter in Support of Revocation of Street Encroachment Agreement
Hearing Date: April 12, 2022, 3:00 PM
File No.: 220327

Dear President Walton

The Chinatown YMCA strongly supports the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project and the removal of the private pedestrian bridge over Kearny Street connecting the Hilton Financial District Hotel to Portsmouth Square (the "***Private Kearny Street Bridge***").

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Very Truly Yours,

Kari Lee
Executive Director
Chinatown YMCA

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