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Hello, Ian.

On behalf of the Friends of Harvey Milk (FHMP) organization, I am pleased to offer as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco the conceptual design developed by FHMP with assistance from our design team, led by the San Francisco office of renowned landscape architecture firm SWA Group. The cash value of this gift is \$1,275,000.

Much work has gone into the development of this conceptual design, including a considerable amount of time and energy spent on community outreach and engagement. As a result of this, I am pleased to share that the conceptual design we are gifting to the City enjoys broad and enthusiastic support from across the community, including support from the following community-based organizations in the Castro neighborhood:

- Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club
- Castro LGBTQ Cultural District
- Castro Community Benefit District
- Castro Merchants
- Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association
- Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association
- Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

I am also pleased to share with you that this conceptual design has received Phase II approval from the San Francisco Arts Commission, and has secured the required Certificate of Approval (COA) from the Historic Preservation Commission to relocate nearby the two Path of Gold light standards that are present at the site. This approval of the COA by the Historic Preservation Commission constituted the approval action for the purpose of CEQA, from which the Project is now categorically exempt.

Please accept this gift from the Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza in the hope that it will move forward our shared vision of creating a transformative civic space at the historic intersection of Castro & Market Streets that will celebrate Harvey Milk and act as a beacon of hope for people all over the world.

Best regards,

Brian Springfield, Executive Director