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June 24, 2020

Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write in support of the 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond that is being considered for the November 2020 ballot. The COVID-19 global pandemic has changed California's and San Francisco's economic and financial situation. We cannot weather this storm alone; the 2020 Bond will allow San Francisco to come together and jumpstart an economic recovery to hopefully create opportunities for all.

The 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond will prioritize shovel-ready projects delivering essential government services, support economic recovery through job creation for San Franciscans, provide one-time funding for behavioral health and health access, while prioritizing basic infrastructure investments in our parks and recreation facilities and right-of-way infrastructure so people can get back to work quickly and help San Francisco recover.

During this pandemic, we have seen record numbers of San Franciscans seeking solace and refuge in our City Parks for exercise and better mental health. The 2020 Bond has identified several park, open space, and recreation facilities and improvement projects that address a range of benefits for residents and employees to increase quality of life, mental well-being and physical health.

Should voters approve this bond measure, funds will be allocated to important projects such as the Buchanan Street Mall, Gene Friend Recreation Center, Herz Playground, and the Japantown Peace Plaza. I'm also excited that the India Basin Project will be included; as an Assemblymember, I have championed that opportunity for a once-in-a-generation new shoreline park to revitalize and unite a series of existing and poorly conditioned waterfront open space in the City's southeast neighborhoods.

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I do understand that there has been a question about whether the long-needed renovation of Chinatown's Portsmouth Square could be included in the 2020 Bond. Since my days as District 3 Supervisor, I have long championed the need for the renovation of the "living room" of Chinatown, the most densely populated urban area west of Manhattan, and hope that there's a way for that project to be included.

I hope you can move the 2020 San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond forward to the November 2020 Ballot. Thank you for your support of our parks and our City.

Sincerely,

David Chice

David Chiu Assemblymember, District 17