

Senator Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
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Honorable Senator Feinstein,

We are writing to you today in regards to the iconic Cliff House property in San Francisco. We were concerned to learn that the property is currently not under a lease agreement and is at risk for sitting vacant for an extended period of time.

As we all focus on recovery of our beautiful city, we are grateful for your leadership working with the National Park Service (NPS) to reactivate this important historic landmark. It is paramount that properties like the Cliff House are able to welcome locals and visitors as the city reopens and recovers from the COVID 19 pandemic.

We urge you to work with NPS to find an immediate and possibly shorter-term use for the property as we understand that the Request for Proposals process for a long-term tenant may take years to complete. Letting this site sit vacant would be an avoidable detriment. Therefore, it is critical that NPS finds an interim operator for the next three-year period of time to provide services such as a restaurant and gift shop while the competitive bidding process for a longer-term tenant is completed.

We are at your service to assist or advise in any way as you continue to look for creative solutions to allow for this site to reopen. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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