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July 9, 2012

The Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
The Honorable Supervisor Jane Kim
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rooms 200 and 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Public Financing of Community-Serving Facilities

Dear Mayor Lee and Supervisor Kim:

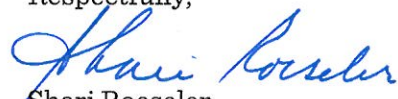
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The rapid emergence of tech companies in our community brings hope of a better future but also anxiety on issues of affordability of space used for art, cultural, educational and recreational programming. Many organizations providing these programs are likely to be displaced by market forces and as you know, some have already lost their leases and are struggling to relocate within the community.

The unintended consequences of prosperity can be addressed with appropriate financial tools and community hubs can be protected from displacement. This is particularly important for cultural organizations that require highly specialized facilities that are difficult to find in accessible locations. We hope that you identify ways to use financial tools such as Infrastructure Financing Districts and other potential financing strategies to benefit the long term stability of organizations that may be in jeopardy. Recent large property transactions and impending developments offer the Tenderloin and SOMA communities a rare and critical chance to benefit from locally-generated funding resources through an Infrastructure Finance District.

It is our hope that cultural organizations instrumental in the collective effort to develop a uniquely San Franciscan district for arts and culture will be protected. We must also invest in new community-oriented projects like the Shih Yu-Lang YMCA and 950 Center for Art & Education - two projects whose fate will be determined by the strength of public/private sector collaboration. This is a time sensitive issue and we encourage an effective collaboration between our two most important public leaders.

Respectfully,


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