

April 6, 2022

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker,

The National AIDS Memorial respectfully requests \$700,000 in Community Project Funding to support the Center for Health and Social Justice ("the Center"), a new cultural institution that will permanently house the AIDS Memorial Quilt and host exhibitions on the history of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, social justice movements, and important modern-day issues. **Specifically, we are seeking financial support to conduct a feasibility study ahead of construction of the Center.** We are a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Tax ID# 82-4329012.

About the National AIDS Memorial

The National AIDS Memorial is the steward of our nations' two most notable AIDS memorials: the AIDS Memorial Quilt ("the Quilt") and the National AIDS Memorial Grove ("the Grove"). By sharing the story of the struggle against HIV/AIDS, we remember, in perpetuity, the lives lost, offer healing and hope to survivors, and inspire new generations of activists in the fight against stigma, denial, and hate, for a just future.

About the Project

The National AIDS Memorial is requesting financial support to begin an important phase of planning for The Center for Health and Social Justice, a beautiful and contemplative place for memories and learning, housing exhibitions on the history of HIV/AIDS, significant social justice movements, and important modern-day issues. The Center will be the permanent home of our nation's iconic and world-renowned AIDS Memorial Quilt, which today has grown to 50,000+ panels and weighs 54 tons, to ensure its conservation and protection for future generations to experience its awesome beauty and powerful storytelling qualities, and to be inspired to work toward a more inclusive and compassionate world.

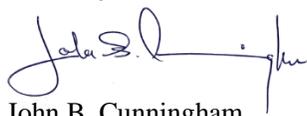
The architecturally significant, 80,000+ sq. ft. building will be located in San Francisco, an internationally-recognized leader in the fight against AIDS and advocacy for health and social justice. The Center will ensure that the collective experience of HIV/AIDS is preserved forever and used to teach, learn, inspire, and honor – so history is not repeated, but leveraged to shape a more equitable future for all people.

The Center will also house a library and archives that teach history to shape a better tomorrow. It will be a respected institute for health, science and social equity, bringing together national and global leaders within an innovative institution for dialogue on important issues of our time in order to build new collaborations and spark change.

The requested funds will be used to do the critical work needed to move forward on this powerful vision to create The Center for Health and Social Justice in San Francisco, which has long been a national leader in the advancement of health and social justice for all communities.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this letter of request for funding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (415) 573-8420 or at jcunningham@aidsmemorial.org.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

I am writing in support of the National AIDS Memorial's request for a congressionally directed funding request. The National AIDS Memorial (NAM) is the steward of our nations' two most notable AIDS memorials: the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the National AIDS Memorial Grove. Through these iconic AIDS memorials and their programs, NAM serves to ensure that the story of the AIDS epidemic is known by current and future generations so that never again will our national conscience allow fear, silence, discrimination, or stigma to devastate a community.

The National AIDS Memorial serves people from all segments of the community—from the very young to the elderly—and represent a diverse range of racial, economic, cultural, religious, and other social groups. More than 20 million individuals, of all walks of life, have attended Quilt exhibitions since its 1987 inaugural display on the Washington Mall in Washington D.C.

I strongly support an allocation to the National AIDS Memorial's request for Community Project funding toward The Center for Health and Social Justice (the Center), a new, innovative institution to encourage dialogue around health, science, social justice, pandemic research, and other salient issues and spark change. Located in San Francisco, a community which suffered devastating loss as the initial epicenter of HIV/AIDS, the Center will also be a permanent home for the AIDS Memorial Quilt, to preserve and protect the largest community arts project in the world and one of the most impactful teaching tools ever created.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Wiener".

Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District



RAFAEL MANDELMAN

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
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Re: National AIDS Memorial Request for Appropriations

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Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 8

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Dear Madam Speaker,

It is indeed an honor to write you in support of the National AIDS Memorial's request for appropriations through the Office of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

As an individual who has been living with HIV disease for 36 years, as well as the former Chair of the Board of The National AIDS Memorial, I know firsthand the power and importance of our sole nationally-designated memorial to the AIDS epidemic.

The National AIDS Memorial is the steward of our nation's two most notable AIDS memorials: the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the National AIDS Memorial Grove. As such, the National AIDS Memorial's mission has grown to identify and understand the intersectional and societal and scientific challenges that impact the trajectory of this disease. The National AIDS Memorial provides the nation a site to help our nation address those myriad social justice issues that impact ending the HIV pandemic.

Through these iconic AIDS memorials and their programs, the National AIDS Memorial serves to ensure that the story of the AIDS epidemic is known by current and future generations so that never again will our national conscience allow fear, silence, discrimination, or stigma to devastate a community.

The National AIDS Memorial serves people from all segments of our nation and celebrates our country's amazing diversity. More than 20 million individuals, of all walks of life have attended Quilt exhibitions since its 1987 inaugural display on the Washington Mall in Washington D.C.

I wholeheartedly support the National AIDS Memorial's request for Community Project funding towards the creation of The Center for Health and Social Justice (the Center), a new, innovative institution to encourage dialogue around health, science, social justice, pandemic research, and other salient issues, and to then spark change.

It was historic and timely in 1996 to designate the AIDS Memorial our nation's memorial. I firmly believe it is time for the National AIDS Memorial to move forward and create its Center for Health and Social Justice. Your support is invaluable in this effort.

Again, thank you for allowing me to express my absolute support of the Community Project funding for the National AIDS Memorial's Center for Health and Social Justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Shriver', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Shriver

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Washington, DC 20515Dear Madam Speaker,

As I write this letter, I cannot help but to reflect back on the fact that we have entered the fifth decade of the AIDS crisis. The majority of my life has been dedicated to bringing justice to this cause and doing my part to make a difference in the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS, while honoring those we have lost. The Quilt is perhaps the most important work I have ever accomplished because it will continue to serve as a physical memorial and a powerful health and social justice teaching tool long after I have left this earth. In order to do so, the Quilt must have a permanent home where it will inform future generations of the destructive nature of injustice, hate, discrimination, and stigma, as well as the inspiring power of community activism, love, compassion, and resilience.

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I don't need to tell you how much I support this bold vision to create a Center for Health and Social Justice (the Center), a new, innovative institution to encourage dialogue around health, science, social justice, pandemic research, and other salient issues, and to spark change. This is our legacy, and we must work together to ensure that the lives of those lost will forever be remembered and the story of AIDS inform and inspire those who follow us. You have been on the frontlines with me for many years, and I sincerely hope that we will see this project realized, and know that we have made a difference that will benefit humanity in perpetuity.

Your support of this project, at this time, is so important, and I hope that this allocation request will be approved so that this important project can move forward.

Thank you for all that you have done throughout the years, and for being who you are – Our Speaker, Our Champion, Our Hero!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cleve Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cleve Jones
Activist & Founder of the AIDS Memorial Quilt



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PRC is proud to be a longstanding community partner of the National AIDS Memorial. PRC has been transforming the Bay Area for over 50 years, helping those affected by HIV/AIDS, substance use, or mental health issues to realize

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their best selves by providing the support and the services they need to reclaim their lives. We fight tirelessly for our clients, and for their causes, making sure they get all the attention, the care, and the respect they deserve.

PRC is a human services organization focused on the belief that everyone deserves an advocate and an opportunity. We work to help people affected by HIV/AIDS, substance use, or mental health issues better realize opportunities by providing integrated legal, social, and health services that address the broad range of social risk factors that impact wellness and limit potential.

We provide underserved populations with a unique set of integrated services that includes, emergency financial assistance for short-term stability; legal representation for access to necessary income and healthcare benefits; and a vast array of residential treatment, housing, and employment training for longer-term social rehabilitation.

I strongly support an allocation to the National AIDS Memorial's request for Community Project funding toward The Center for Health and Social Justice (the Center), a new, innovative institution to encourage dialogue around health, science, social justice, pandemic research, and other salient issues and spark change. Located in San Francisco, a community which suffered devastating loss as the initial epicenter of HIV/AIDS, the Center will also be a permanent home for the AIDS Memorial Quilt, to preserve and protect the largest community arts project in the world and one of the most impactful teaching tools ever created.

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Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

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