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April 6, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: Mission Neighborhood Centers Inc.
FY23 Community Project Funding

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your leadership, and for always ensuring that San Francisco's low-income parents can count on quality Early Head Start and Head Start Early Care and education (ECE) services and low-income housing.

The purpose of this letter is to request your sponsorship to enable two vital infrastructure projects that would aid in the economic recovery for working families. These infrastructure projects are currently underway by MNC to serve low-moderate income families, children, and seniors of the Mission and Bayview communities. Based upon the Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiative (EDI) the funding is between \$100,000 to \$2,000,000.

We respectfully request these expansion projects to increase access for working families to early care and education services, already in progress, and at risk due to pandemic and cost inflation setbacks in addition to the future goal of providing affordable housing in the future.

We therefore ask that this request be added to your budget request priorities:

- Add \$ 2.0 million in Federal funding to complete these early care and education services building repurposing and renovations at 1240 Valencia Street and 1311 Quesada Avenue.
- Services at these sites include the incorporation of high-quality infant, toddler, and preschool education as well as long-term plans to potentially build-out low-income, affordable senior housing.



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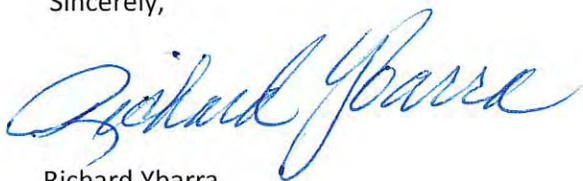
MNC's expansion projects in the Mission and Bayview neighborhoods is a direct response to the urgent need to close opportunity gaps for all low-income children of color residing in the City. These projects to provide vital services are in your district and will allow you to increase access to families residing in these neighborhoods.

These new MNC Mission and Bayview facilities will expand essential services community as a HUB model to provide residents with basic life needs addressing food insecurity, rental assistance, prevention of senior isolation, and COVID-19 testing and a vaccination location. Through these comprehensive support services, seniors and families experiencing crises or emergencies are extended life sustaining services, and direct referrals.

Establishing these two centers are first steps in fulfilling a dream of residents and MNC to build affordable housing for low-income community members.

Thank you, Speaker Pelosi, for your most kind attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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April 5, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
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Dear Nancy,

Over the years I have worked and continue to work with Mission Neighborhood Centers to expand the delivery of family care services to low-income families. That is why I am fully supportive of MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of its facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District as well as 1311 Quesada in the Bayview.

The completion of both of these projects will have a profound and significant impact for the children of essential working families in San Francisco. I wanted to offer my full support for this more than worthy effort.

Peace and Friendship,



John L. Burton



April 5th, 2022

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi,

As a key member of the Community in San Francisco, Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA) has worked with MNC to expand the delivery of family care services to low income families.

That is why MEDA supports MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of its facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District as well as 1311 Quesada in the Bayview.

We believe that the completion of these projects will have a profound and significant impact for the children of essential working families, and that is why we are proud to support MNC's Community Benefits Request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Granados". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Luis Granados
Chief Executive Officer

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 9



City and County of San Francisco

HILLARY RONEN

The Speaker of the House of Representatives
Honorable Nancy Pelosi
San Francisco District Office
90 7th Street, Suite 2-800
San Francisco, CA 94103

April 5, 2022

Dear Madam Speaker,

I write to provide my highest recommendation for Mission Neighborhood Center (MNC) and their goal to complete renovation of facilities at 1240 Valencia Street and 1311 Quesada Ave. In particular, the 1240 Valencia Street renovation will serve 84 infants and toddlers from low income, essential worker families in San Francisco. These are desperately needed services that will greatly benefit the children and working families of our community.

MNC has a proven track record of providing culturally competent and compassionate services to low-income families throughout the Mission, Excelsior, Mission Bay, and Bayview neighborhoods. As the Supervisor of District 9 where many essential worker families live and work, I am proud to count MNC as a reliable and skilled organization in my district, and one that has been especially critical to the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

I hope that your office can support MNC and their request so that more families can benefit from their services. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hillary Ronen".

Hillary Ronen
Supervisor, District 9

April 5, 2022

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
90 7th Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Deputy Chief Daniel Perea
San Francisco Police Department
Special Operations Bureau
1700 DeHaro St
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Madam Speaker,

As a key member of our San Francisco community, Mission Neighborhood Centers (MNC) has worked to expand the delivery of family care services to low income families. MNC is looking forward to transforming of the former San Francisco Police Department Mission District station, located at 1240 Valencia Street, into a center for children's education.

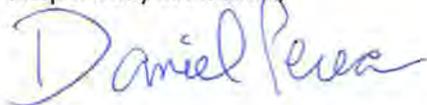
I started my 31 year career with the San Francisco Police Department assigned as a police officer at Mission Station. When I returned in 2014 to serve as the Captain of the Mission District Station, I was fortunate to meet and work in support of MNC community service efforts in the Mission District.

I am hopeful MNC will complete this invaluable project to serve the children in our community. I fully support MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of their facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District as well as 1311 Quesada in the Bayview.

I believe that the completion of these projects will have a profound and significant impact for the children of essential working families, and that is why I am proud to support MNC's Community Benefits Request.

Thank you for your leadership in your long standing, continued support of Mission Neighborhood Centers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Perea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



April 4, 2022

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi,

As a key member of the community in San Francisco, Good Samaritan has worked with Mission Neighborhood Centers (MNC) to expand the delivery of family care services to low-income families. Please accept our support of MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of its facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District and 1311 Quesada in the Bayview Hunter's Point.

We believe that the completion of these projects will assure that low-income families continue to receive the support they need and further impact the children of essential working families that we are proud to support.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Mario Paz
Executive Director

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April 6, 2022

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
90 7th Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Madam Speaker,

As a leader in the San Francisco's Latino and Small Business Community I am provide a letter of support for Mission Neighborhood Center's Early Education Centers tenant improvement projects located in the Mission and the Bayview Districts. Mission Neighborhood Centers (MNC) has many years of working with low-income families to provide family care services.

MNC transformation of the former San Francisco Police Department Mission District station, 1240 Valencia Street, into an early education center for 85 toddler and pre-school children, will assist many low-income families with their need for childcare.

With assistance in funding from your office, MNC will complete this invaluable project to serve the children in our community. I am in support of MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of their facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District and in the Bayview District.

I believe that the completion of these projects will have a profound and significant impact for the children of essential working families in providing the support needed to live in San Francisco.

Respectfully

Anne Marie Cervantes, AIA
CERVANTES DESIGN ASSOCIATES



April 5, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
90 7th Street, Suite 2-800
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

As a key member of the Community in San Francisco, the Mission Asset Fund has worked with MNC to expand the delivery of family care services to low-income families.

That is why we fully support MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of its facilities at 1240 Valencia Street in the Mission District as well as 1311 Quesada Street in the Bayview.

We believe that the completion of these projects will have a profound and significant impact on the children of essential working families. We are proud to support MNC's Community Benefits Request.

Sincerely,

José Quiñonez, CEO
Mission Asset Fund



INSTITUTO FAMILIAR DE LA RAZA, INC.

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April 5th, 2022

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi,

As a key member of the Community in San Francisco, Instituto Familiar de La Raza has worked with MNC to expand the delivery of family care services to low income families.

That is why Instituto Familiar de la Raza supports MNC's goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of its facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District as well as 1311 Quesada in the Bayview.

We believe that the completion of these projects will have a profound and significant impact for the children of essential working families, and that is why we are proud to support MNC's Community Benefits Request.

Sincerely,

IFR Executive Director

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Once a police station, Valencia Street site will soon run early childhood education programs



by **LYDIA CHÁVEZ**
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019



A photo of the art wall from 2015. The police station is the brick building to the left.

Mission Neighborhood Centers has purchased a former police station on Valencia Street between 23rd and 24th Streets for \$6.8 million.

Bruce Tomb, an artist and architect, bought the site at an auction in 1997 for \$560,000, according to public records.

“It wasn’t easy, but it was fun,” said Sam Ruiz, the executive director of the nonprofit, who on Tuesday sat in his office on Capp Street with the purchase papers.

Tomb said he and his wife owned the property with his brother and sister-in-law. “We always knew that the property would be our retirement, to some degree,” said Tomb who is 61 and now living and creating his artwork in Reno, Nevada.

At present, Mission Neighborhood Centers runs early childhood education programs for some 411 students. While this site will involve moving children from some of its other locations to 1240 Valencia St., plans for three other new sites will increase the nonprofit’s enrollment to 629 by sometime in 2022.

Ruiz called the purchase a “land-banking” play with plans to eventually develop as many as 61 affordable housing units at the site. With those plans in mind, he said, they plan to do a minimum of renovation on the Valencia site so that it can open sometime early in 2020.

The Valencia Street location sits opposite Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8 and will have two pre-school classrooms and two classrooms for infants to toddlers – a category of early education that is much in demand, but difficult for providers to offer because of space and staffing requirements.

The two Headstart classrooms will have 20 students each, and the infant to 3-year-old classrooms will each take eight students for a total of 16. The 56 spots will run full-day and full-year schedules.

Ruiz said the funding to purchase the one-story building, formerly a live-work space for Tomb, came from a variety of sources, including the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Community Vision Fund, and a \$1 million grant from Kaiser for the acquisition of new spaces.

The nonprofit also took out a \$3.5 million loan that it hopes to bring down to zero with new local and state grants.

Ruiz said the nonprofit had not purchased property for ten years and had to “get back into shape” for purchasing. The process took several years. He added that when the state begins handing out \$260 million in infrastructure and site acquisition funds early next year, he plans to be in “Sacramento and in line.”

Tomb said they talked to a number of buyers, many of whom dropped out for various reasons. “It is great in the end that it worked out for a local nonprofit,” he said.

The Valencia Street project is one of four planned sites that the Mission Neighborhood Centers will open.

The other sites include leased ground-floor space at 1950 Mission St., a 157-unit affordable housing project that will open sometime in 2021; 1850 Bryant St, where it will also have a long-term lease and co-locate with the San Francisco’s Human Services Agency in 2021; and 2205 Mission St., a commercial acquisition that will also be on the site of 65 affordable housing units.

It’s unclear what will happen to the art wall that has long dominated the front of the police station — a place where artists have randomly put up any variety of artwork. He said Mission Neighborhood Centers had not commissioned the current mural going up but were in conversations with the former owners.

Tomb said that, like all of the work that appears on the art wall – he did not commission the piece and did not know anything about the new mural, which required scaffolding. “Will it last a week?” he asked. He did not know. The artwork on the wall can change daily.

The Mission Police Station opened at 17th and Treat Streets in 1902, but relocated to 1240 Valencia St. in 1950 and again in 1994 to its current location, at 630 Valencia St.



The most recent mural on the art wall. Photo by Lydia Chávez.



Pedestrians walking by the art wall in May 2015. Photo by Lydia Chávez.



Mission Police Station No Longer Photo by Kathleen Narruhn The original police station on 17th near Treat.



LYDIA CHÁVEZ

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Founder/Executive Editor. I've been a Mission resident since 1998 and a professor emeritus at Berkeley's J-school since 2019 when I retired. I got my start in newspapers at the Albuquerque Tribune in the city where I was born and raised. Like many local news outlets, The Tribune no longer exists. I left daily newspapers after working at The New York Times for the business, foreign and city desks. Lucky for all of us, it is still there.

As an old friend once pointed out, local has long been in my bones. My Master's Project at Columbia, later published in New York Magazine, was on New York City's experiment in community boards.

Right now I'm trying to figure out how you make that long-held interest in local news sustainable. The answer continues to elude me.

More by Lydia Chávez



LA RAZA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE RECURSOS DE LA RAZA

Social Services
Family Support
Information & Referral
Legal Immigration Services
Emergency Financial Support
Citizenship, Leadership, Advocacy

April 7, 2022

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
90 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Madam Speaker,

La Raza Community Resource Center (La Raza) fully supports Mission Neighborhood Centers's (MNC) goal to expand infant and toddler care through the renovation of their facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District as well as 1311 Quesada in the Bayview. We are hopeful that MNC will complete this invaluable project to serve the children in our community. We believe that the completion of these projects will have a profound and significant impact for the children of essential working families.

For over 52 years, La Raza has been an essential social service provider for San Francisco's vulnerable Latino families. Today we help feed 18,000 families a year, helped save nearly 1500 homes with \$8 Million in Rental Assistance, The COVID-19 pandemic has made agencies like La Raza and MNC even more essential.

La Raza is a partner with MNC in the Chicano/a Family Resource System, the COVID-19 Latino Collaborative, and the San Francisco Latino Parity and Equity Coalition (SFLPEC) to name a few. That is why we are confident their project will be successful if they are funded.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available by phone (415) 690-6992 or email gmedina@larazacrc.org if you have any questions.

Cordialmente,

Gabriel Medina
Executive Director



LA RAZA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE RECURSOS DE LA RAZA

Social Services
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April 14, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
90 7th Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Re: Grant Request for Mission Neighborhood Centers

Dear Madam Speaker,

I am writing in support of the Mission Neighborhood Centers (MNC) and their grant request of \$2 million for the expansion of their infant and toddler care facilities at 1240 Valencia in the Mission District and 1311 Quesada in the Bayview. In a high-cost city such as San Francisco where limited child-care slots result in a waiting list exceeding 3,000 for low-income families, I believe that now is the time to make this investment.

This critical funding will transform a former police department into a center, an eleventh such center for MNC, for children's early care and education and serve several thousand more residents with social services over its years of operation.

As San Francisco emerges from a time of unprecedented challenges, it is essential that we recommit ourselves to meeting families' needs for quality child-care and learning. We know high quality early child-care and education helps reduce poverty, prevents child hunger and neglect, and leads to positive outcomes and better school readiness for children.

As a long serving member of the community committed to San Francisco, MNC is an organization of exceptional quality that reflects the values, language and cultural identity of the children served. MNC has worked tirelessly to expand the delivery of family care services to low-income families, and I am hopeful that with such an investment MNC will complete this invaluable project to serve the hard-working low-income families in our communities.

Thank you for your long standing efforts on this issue and your consideration of investing \$2 million in funding for Mission Neighborhood Centers to open their doors for more San Francisco families.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joaquin Torres".

Joaquin Torres
Assessor
City and County of San Francisco