

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
City and County of San Francisco



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The Honorable Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's (MOHCD's) Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Request for 772 Pacific New Asia Restaurant Project

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I am writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's (MOHCD's) \$2 million application for Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding for the 772 Pacific New Asia Restaurant project. The project would build a new banquet hall and community gathering space as part of the 174-unit, 100% affordable senior housing development in the heart of San Francisco's historic Chinatown.

As one of Chinatown's strongest champions, you have always understood the importance of this historic community gathering space. The New Asia Restaurant has been providing jobs and hosting countless weddings, birthdays, and community events for more than 40 years. The re-introduction of a grand banquet hall at 772 Pacific Avenue will help support the key social, political, economic, and cultural role of banquet halls in the oldest Chinatown in the country.

Preserving this critical cultural asset and supporting a legacy small business while creating housing for some of San Francisco's most vulnerable residents epitomizes our City's spirit. I wholeheartedly endorse this application and thank you for your enduring support of these projects. With your support, this banquet hall and the new affordable homes will foster a vibrant and welcoming Chinatown for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "Lydia Ely".

Lydia Ely
Deputy Director
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