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May 9, 2025

The Honorable Speaker Nancy Pelosi
90 7th Street, Suite 2-800
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I am writing to express the full support of the San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council for the **Office of Economic and Workforce Development's application to the FY26 Community Project Funding** for the proposed creation of a state-of-the-art construction pre-apprenticeship training center in San Francisco. The center would expand the training capabilities of the existing CityBuild Academy as well as become home to the CityBuild Pro, the professional service arm of the academy which places talent into entry level construction management positions. As representatives of the hardworking men and women in the construction industry, we understand the critical need for investing in the development of skilled labor to meet the demands of our ever-evolving built environment.

The construction industry plays an integral role in shaping the infrastructure in San Francisco, and as such, it is imperative that we equip our workforce with the necessary knowledge and skills to uphold the highest standards of craftsmanship and safety. A state-of-the-art training center will serve as a hub for excellence, providing aspiring tradespeople and seasoned professionals alike with access to cutting-edge resources and instruction.

San Francisco, with its ongoing development projects, stands to benefit greatly from the establishment of such a facility. By investing in the training of local talent, we not only ensure the continued growth and prosperity of our city but also bolster the competitiveness of our construction industry on a national scale.

Moreover, a dedicated training center demonstrates our commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce. By offering accessible training programs and pre-apprenticeships, we can empower individuals from all walks of life to pursue rewarding careers in construction, thereby strengthening our communities and narrowing the skills gap.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the immense value that a state-of-the-art construction training center will bring to San Francisco and the broader region. By providing the necessary funding for this project, we invest in the future of our industry and lay the foundation for a more resilient and prosperous tomorrow. Thank you for your consideration of funding this project through the FY26 Community Project funding.

Sincerely,

Rudy Gonzalez
Secretary-Treasurer



May 9, 2025

The Honorable Speaker Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I am writing on behalf of Mission Hiring Hall, a nonprofit service provider dedicated to economic and workforce development initiatives, to express our enthusiastic support for the application submitted by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to the FY26 Community Project Funding available from the House Appropriations Committee.

As a vital partner in advancing workforce development efforts in our community, we have had the privilege of collaborating closely with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to coordinate and implement the comprehensive construction training program that is CityBuild Academy and CityBuild Pro.

The construction industry represents a cornerstone of our economy, driving growth, innovation, and employment opportunities. However, the success of this industry is contingent upon the availability of a skilled and well-trained workforce. Through our partnership with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of investing in high-quality training programs that equip individuals with the requisite skills and knowledge to thrive in the construction sector.

The funding sought by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development will enable CityBuild to expand the reach and effectiveness of its construction sector training initiatives, thereby empowering more individuals to access rewarding career pathways and contribute meaningfully to our economy. By investing in the development of a skilled workforce, we not only address the immediate needs of employers but also cultivate a sustainable talent pipeline that fuels long-term economic growth and prosperity.

In conclusion, we urge you to consider the tremendous value that investment in construction training programs will bring to our community and our economy. By supporting the funding request of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, you will help to strengthen our workforce, revitalize our communities, and build a brighter future for all.

Thank you for your consideration and all that you do not just for San Francisco, but our nation as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MBell", is positioned above the printed name.

Michelle Leonard-Bell
Executive Director
Mission Hiring Hall