



March 3, 2026

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

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

On behalf of the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), I am pleased to express strong support for Kai Ming Head Start in their FY27 Community Project Funding request of \$1.5 million to support the completion of the Transbay 2 Early Care Center.

LIIF is a national community development financial institution (CDFI) committed to creating pathways of opportunity for low-income people and communities. In California and across the country, LIIF has made catalytic investments in high-quality early care and education facilities that enhance family stability, support local workforce participation, and foster equitable neighborhood growth. The Transbay 2 Early Care Center embodies these same goals by expanding access to affordable and high-quality early learning for families in one of San Francisco's most dynamic and rapidly developing mixed-income districts.

While the City of San Francisco has made a substantial investment of \$3 million, unprecedented cost increases due to tariffs and inflation have raised the total project cost to over \$4 million. The requested \$1.5 million in federal funds would fill this gap, ensuring that Kai Ming Head Start can complete construction and open this vital facility to serve children and families as soon as possible.

Early care and education facilities are critical community infrastructure that enable parents to work, prepare children for lifelong success, and strengthen local economies. LIIF fully supports this request and urges your consideration to fund this essential project that will bring meaningful, long-term benefits to San Francisco's families and workforce.

Sincerely,

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Low Income Investment Fund

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March 5, 2026
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

On behalf of Mercy Housing, I am pleased to express strong support for Kai Ming Head Start's FY27 Community Project Funding request of \$1.5 million to support the completion of the Transbay 2 Early Care Center in San Francisco.

The early care center is an integral component of Mercy Housing's Transbay Block 2 affordable housing development, designed to serve families in one of San Francisco's fastest-growing mixed-income neighborhoods. Mercy Housing believes that integrating high-quality early childhood education within affordable housing communities is essential to supporting working families and building thriving neighborhoods.

For more than 50 years, Kai Ming Head Start has been a trusted leader in providing high-quality early childhood education and comprehensive family services to San Francisco's children and families. Mercy Housing has had the privilege of partnering with Kai Ming on several projects over the years, and we have consistently seen Kai Ming's strong commitment to educational excellence, family engagement, and community impact.

While the City of San Francisco has committed \$3 million toward the project, rising construction costs due to inflation and tariffs have increased the total project cost to over \$4 million. The requested \$1.5 million in federal funding would help close this gap and allow Kai Ming Head Start to complete and open this vital early learning center.

Mercy Housing strongly supports this request and respectfully urges your consideration in funding this important project that will benefit San Francisco families for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

On behalf of the API Council of San Francisco, a coalition of over 50 community-based organizations serving San Francisco's Asian and Pacific Islander population, I am writing to express my strong support to Kai Ming Head Start in their FY27 Community Project Funding request of \$1.5 million to help complete the build-out of the Transbay 2 Early Care Center.

Kai Ming Head Start has a long and proven history of providing high-quality, culturally responsive early childhood education for children and families across San Francisco, particularly those from low-income and immigrant backgrounds. The development of the Transbay 2 Early Care Center represents a vital opportunity to expand access to early learning resources in one of the city's fastest-growing neighborhoods, ensuring that working families have equitable access to safe, affordable and high-quality care for their children.

The City of San Francisco has made an initial commitment of \$3 million toward this project. However, due to tariff impacts and inflation, the total cost has risen to over \$4.5 million, leaving a funding gap that jeopardizes timely completion. The requested \$1.5 million in federal support would bridge this gap, enabling essential construction and ensuring the facility can open on schedule to serve the community.

The API Council recognizes early care and education as a cornerstone of family stability and long-term community health. The Transbay 2 Early Care Center will play a key role in helping families thrive by supporting early development, workforce participation, and neighborhood vitality.

We respectfully urge your consideration of this funding request and thank you for your continued leadership in championing equitable investments that uplift San Francisco's diverse families and children.

Sincerely,

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