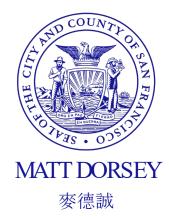
City and County of San Francisco



Member, District 6, Board of Supervisors

May 6, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita, U.S. House of Representatives 90 7th Street, Suite 2-800 San Francisco, CA94103

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I'm writing to offer my full and enthusiastic support for San Francisco SafeHouse's proposed permanent supportive housing site at 101 Gough Street. This project represents a vital and urgently needed investment in the safety and stability of unhoused women survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation—and their children.

The trauma faced by these women is unimaginable, and the barriers to recovery and independence are immense. The site at 101 Gough offers a rare opportunity to provide not just housing, but healing—for families who have endured some of the most extreme vulnerabilities in our city.

Its location is thoughtful and strategic: well-connected to public transit and essential services, while also providing a safe, stable, and community-centered environment. What sets this project apart is its targeted and trauma-informed approach: wraparound services that include mental health care, childcare, job training, and family support. This is the kind of comprehensive, survivor-centered response that breaks intergenerational cycles of trauma and builds pathways to long-term stability.

SafeHouse has a 25-year track record of delivering exactly this kind of compassionate and effective care. I have every confidence in their leadership and in the impact this site will

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have—not just for the women and children who will call it home, but for the broader community.

With more than 3,000 unhoused women in San Francisco—representing over 40% of our unhoused population—we need solutions that are tailored, thoughtful, and bold. 101 Gough Street is exactly that. I urge your full support of this project and stand ready to assist in any way I can to support the realization of this important project

Sincerely,

MATT DORSEY

## City and County of San Francisco



### Board of Supervisors, President

April 30, 2024

Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: San Francisco SafeHouse to Proposal for Permanent Supportive Housing for Survivors

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend and express my enthusiastic support for San Francisco Safehouse's establishment of a new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) site at 101 Gough Street in San Francisco. This crucial initiative is particularly focused on providing safe and secure housing for unhoused women survivors of sex-trafficking and sexual exploitation, along with their children.

The issue of homelessness among women who have experienced the trauma of sex-trafficking and sexual exploitation is a pressing concern that demands our immediate attention. This proposal represents a significant step forward in addressing this urgent need, but needs the funding to ensure its success. This is one of the reasons I championed the inclusion of \$30 million for survivors in the City's successful Affordable Housing Bond last month, in an effort to demonstrate our local commitment to meeting this need.

The location of this housing site is strategic, offering a sense of stability and community to those who have faced unimaginable challenges. Its proximity to essential services, public transportation, and community resources will undoubtedly contribute to the overall well-being and successful reintegration of the residents.

What sets this project apart is its targeted focus on women survivors and their children, recognizing the unique needs and vulnerabilities of this population. By creating a safe and supportive environment, the PSH site at 101 Gough Street aims to empower these survivors to rebuild their lives, regain independence, and foster healing for both themselves and their children. Additionally, the inclusion of services catering to the unique needs of children within the facility ensures a comprehensive and family-centric approach, which includes not only secure and comfortable housing but also access to mental health services, counseling, job training, childcare facilities, and other critical resources. The holistic nature of this program is critical to breaking the intergenerational cycle of trauma.

I thank you for your consideration of San Francisco SafeHouse's proposal.

Sincerely,

Aaron Peskin





#### **CATHERINE STEFANI**

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I have every confidence that the dedicated team at San Francisco SafeHouse possesses the expertise, commitment, and compassion necessary to make this site a resounding success. Their

understanding of the specific challenges faced by unhoused women survivors of sex-trafficking and sexual exploitation is evident in their 25-year history as an organization, as well as their thoughtful design and comprehensive support services incorporated into the project.

With over 3000 unhoused women in San Francisco, representing over 40% of the unhoused population, 101 Gough St. will serve not only the women who will live there, but the community as a whole. It will be an invaluable resource for survivors and a beacon of hope that the neighborhood and city will be proud of.

As a Supervisor for the City and County of San Francisco, I am aware of the critical need for initiatives like these and believe that the PSH site at 101 Gough Street will not only meet but exceed expectations in providing a nurturing and empowering environment for its residents.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information or if there is any way in which I can support the realization of this important project. I wholeheartedly endorse the establishment of the permanent supportive housing site at 101 Gough Street and believe it will make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of those it serves and the community at large.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Catherine Stefani

# SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

#### Antonia Lavine Director

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As Director of San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking and the 24/7 Hotline for Survivors of Human Trafficking, I am aware of the critical need for initiatives like these and believe that the PSH site at 101 Gough Street will not only meet but exceed expectations in providing a nurturing and empowering environment for its residents.

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