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March 5, 2026

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

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed redevelopment of the United Irish Cultural Center, a treasured institution that has served the residents of San Francisco's west side for more than fifty years.

Located in the Sunset District of San Francisco, the Irish Center has long been a vibrant gathering place not only for Irish Americans but for a broad cross-section of our community. For decades, the Center has hosted cultural celebrations, youth music and dance programs, community meetings, educational activities, and charitable initiatives that bring neighbors together and strengthen the social fabric of our city.

Community institutions like the United Irish Cultural Center are increasingly rare and incredibly valuable. As our city continues to grow and change, it is essential that we preserve and invest in spaces where residents can gather, celebrate culture, and build connections across generations and backgrounds. The Center plays an important role in fostering civic engagement, cultural exchange, and community belonging throughout San Francisco's west side.

The proposed redevelopment will ensure that this important institution can continue serving our community for the next fifty years and beyond. A modern and expanded facility will allow the Center to grow its programming, better serve families and young people, and provide flexible spaces that reflect the needs of a diverse and evolving neighborhood.

Investing in projects like the United Irish Cultural Center is about more than preserving history. It is about strengthening the civic infrastructure that keeps our neighborhoods connected and vibrant for generations to come. I strongly support this project and the lasting benefits it will bring to the residents of San Francisco.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your consideration of this important community initiative.

Sincerely,

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Alan Wong, Supervisor, District 4
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Grant Letter

March 6, 2026



Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of Sutter Health and our commitment to improving the health and well-being of communities across the Bay Area, I am pleased to express my strong support for the proposed redevelopment of the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco (UICC).

As a healthcare provider, we understand that community health extends far beyond hospitals and clinics. Social connection, cultural engagement, and opportunities for intergenerational interaction are critical components of healthy communities. Sutter Health is working with the UICC on high school internship opportunities in the health fields as well as senior programs. Facilities like the United Irish Cultural Center provide something increasingly rare in modern urban life: a welcoming place where people of all ages can gather, learn, celebrate culture, and build lasting relationships.

On the west side of San Francisco, there are relatively few spaces that bring together seniors, families, and young people under one roof. The Irish Center has long served as an important gathering place where older generations share traditions and stories while younger generations participate in music, dance, language, and cultural programs. These types of intergenerational connections are vital for reducing social isolation, supporting youth development, and strengthening the social fabric that contributes to long-term health outcomes.

The proposed redevelopment of the Center will ensure that this important community institution continues to serve San Francisco for generations to come. A modern, expanded facility will allow the organization to grow its youth programs, cultural education, and community activities while providing a much-needed gathering space for residents across the city's west side.

Investments in community spaces like the United Irish Cultural Center are investments in the health and vitality of our neighborhoods. We strongly support this project and the positive impact it will have on families and communities throughout San Francisco.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to projects that strengthen the well-being of our city.

Sincerely,

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Christina Oh

President, Greater San Francisco and East Bay Division



The

IRISH pipers BAND

of San Francisco

March 5th, 2026

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

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi,

The Irish Pipers Band of the United Irish Cultural Center proudly offers its strong support for the proposed redevelopment of the Center's facilities in San Francisco's Sunset District.

For decades, the Irish Pipers Band has called the Irish Center home. It is where generations of musicians have learned the traditions of Irish piping and drumming, where young people discover the joy of music and the discipline of performance, and where our community gathers to celebrate and preserve Irish culture.

In recent years, we have witnessed extraordinary growth in youth participation. In 2022, we launched a new youth piping and drumming initiative that now brings young musicians together each week to learn and practice. These students have progressed from beginner chanters to full pipes and drums and now perform proudly at community events and cultural celebrations across San Francisco. The Irish Center provides the essential space where this learning, mentorship, and cultural exchange can take place.

The proposed new Irish Center will dramatically expand our ability to serve young people and families by providing modern rehearsal spaces, classrooms, and performance venues. This investment will ensure that the next generation has the opportunity to learn traditional music, develop leadership skills, and remain connected to the cultural heritage that has long been a vibrant part of San Francisco's history.

For our band, the Irish Center is far more than a building - it is the heart of our musical community. The redevelopment of this facility will allow us to grow our youth programs, welcome new members, and continue sharing Irish music and culture with the broader community for generations to come.

We strongly support this project and respectfully ask for your consideration.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your support of cultural institutions that strengthen the fabric of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Maggie Baglin,

President, Irish Pipers Band, San Francisco, California



Rebel Cork Benevolent Association

Founded 1883

March 5th, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi,

On behalf of the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed redevelopment of the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco.

Founded in 1883, the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association is one of the oldest Irish organizations in the city. For more than 140 years, our association has worked to support Irish immigrants and their families, preserve the traditions of County Cork, and foster a spirit of fellowship and mutual assistance within San Francisco's Irish-American community.

Throughout its history, the United Irish Cultural Center has served as a vital gathering place for organizations like ours and for the wider Irish community across the Bay Area. It is a place where generations have come together to celebrate Irish music, language, culture, and heritage, and where newly arrived immigrants have found a welcoming connection to home.

Today, the need for community spaces like the Irish Center is greater than ever. In a city where neighborhood gathering places are increasingly scarce, the Center provides an essential home for cultural organizations, youth programs, and community events that bring people together across generations.

The proposed redevelopment of the Irish Center represents an important investment in the future of San Francisco's cultural life. A modern, expanded facility will ensure that organizations like the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association - and many others - continue to have a place to gather, celebrate our traditions, and pass them on to the next generation.

For more than a century, Irish benevolent societies have played a vital role in the civic and cultural life of this city. The new Irish Center will help ensure that this proud tradition continues to thrive for decades to come.

We respectfully urge your support for this important project and thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of the communities of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

John Buckley ,
President Rebel Cork Benevolent Association
San Francisco, California

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