April 5, 2021

Re: Community Grant Request from the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium

Dear Madame Speaker,

As a member of the California State Legislature representing San Francisco, I am writing to express my strong support for the community grant request by the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC).

The SFCCC serves the most vulnerable residents of San Francisco. I appreciate the focus of SFCCC clinics on providing linguistically and culturally relevant, high quality care. SFCCC and its member clinics have made sure that preventive health, behavioral health and key supports such as food security are priorities for their patients.

The projects that SFCCC are proposing through several clinics are all upgrades to basic infrastructure that will improve access and quality of care. While all SFCCC clinics have an electronic medical record system, these systems need upgrades in order to completely capture patient information for population health improvement projects and facilitate care coordination with partner agencies. Mission Neighborhood Health Center is requesting funding for a new dental operatory to expand the significant need for dental care in the low-income population. Saint Anthony’s plans to renovate clinic space to make room for additional behavioral services; two clinics wish to expand telehealth capacity, and two clinics wish to make minor renovations to their clinics to better serve patients with physical mobility issues. North East Medical Services wants to expedite the cleaning of rooms between patients to increase the number of patients that they can see. While these are humble projects, they are mission critical, particularly as our communities address equity issues exposed by the pandemic and recession.

As an elected official who has consistently supported high quality, community based health services for our constituents regardless of their ability to pay, I hope that you can consider supporting SFCCC’s request.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember David Chiu

17th Assembly District
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Speaker Nancy Pelosi
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Re: Community Grant Request from the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium

April 8, 2021

Dear Speaker Nancy Pelosi,

As the Supervisor of San Francisco’s District 11 neighborhoods consisting of the Excelsior, Cayuga, Mission Terrace, Outer Mission, Oceanview/ Merced Heights/ Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods, I am writing to express my strong support for the community grant request from the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC). This funding would support the SFCCC in improving participating clinics’ quality of service, access, and infrastructure. The funding received from the community grant would support several investments the SFCCC has identified for assisting with patient care.

The SFCCC clinics serves our City’s most marginalized communities. Mission Neighborhood Health Center, who is a member of the SFCCC, has a clinic in my district’s Excelsior neighborhood. The health care service Mission Neighborhood Health Center provides for many of my constituents is critical and lifesaving. As a supervisor representing a very diverse district composed largely of Latinx, Black, Asian, and Filipino families the need for culturally responsive health care is paramount especially with my district’s immigrant population. Many of my constituents are Non-English speakers that speak several different languages. What I appreciate about SFCCC clinic is their focus on providing linguistically and culturally relevant care. In addition, SFCCC and its member clinics focus on preventive health care, behavioral health and key deterrents that cause health problems like food insecurity and assist to eliminate these barriers to promote healthier outcomes.

If granted these funds, SFCCC clinics are proposing several upgrades to all of its participating clinics basic infrastructure. While all SFCCC clinics have an electronic medical record system, the systems needing upgrades would properly capture patient
information for population health improvement projects and facilitate care coordination with partner agencies.

In addition, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, which has a satellite site in my district, would use these funds to support a new dental operatory to expand dental care services to our most vulnerable community members and low-income residents. Saint Anthony's Clinic, another participating partner of the SFCCC in the City's Tenderloin neighborhood, would use these funds to renovate its clinic space to make room for additional behavioral services, while other clinics would use these funds to expand telehealth capacity and other minor renovations to their clinics to better serve patients with physical mobility issues.

In closing, I sincerely hope you, Speaker Pelosi, will consider approving the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium's Community Grant Request.

Sincerely,

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