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THE BILL LANE CENTER
FOR THE AMERICAN WEST

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Greg Moore
President & CEO
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Greg:

The Bill Lane Center for the American West looks forward with enthusiasm to participating as a program partner of the Presidio Exchange. Our mission to “advance scholarly and public understanding of western North America” has direct relevance to the rich historical, current and future themes of the Presidio as a national park situated at an iconic portal of the American West, the Golden Gate. We can envision numerous collaborative programming opportunities with the Parks Conservancy and others at the Presidio Exchange.

Our partnership with the Parks Conservancy at the Presidio Exchange could offer insights, reflections and participatory programs involving many aspects of the American West. Current and proposed programs of the Bill Lane Center for the American West cover topics as varied as “World War II and the American West,” currently being conceived for the 75th anniversary of U.S. entry into the war, “Crowdsourcing California’s Conservation History: A Call to Action,” and research projects including “Water in the West.” These and other programs and topics would all be relevant to the Presidio visitor and to the “exchange” of ideas and disciplines embedded in the Presidio Exchange proposal.

The late Ambassador Bill Lane was an avid champion of the national park movement in America and an early advocate of and philanthropist to the Presidio’s conversion from a military post to park. It would be an honor for us to acknowledge his legacy in our partnership with the Parks Conservancy at the Presidio Exchange.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Cain
Faculty Director