

Dear Presidio Trust Board of Directors,

I want to express the enthusiastic support of the Ohlone Profiles Project for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's Presidio Exchange (PX) proposal.

We are excited to learn that the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has submitted a community based proposal for the remodeled Presidio Exchange. We are honored that the Conservancy has invited the Ohlone Profiles Project as a community partner. Our mission, to restore Ohlone culture to San Francisco, benefits from the staff and facilities already offered at the Presidio. The additional facilities that the Conservancy's PX proposal envisions would answer many emerging needs of the tribe: a theater for film festival screenings; a stage for California Native American tribal dance and music; gallery space for native art; and meeting rooms for community based planning.

The Ohlone Profiles Project has worked with the GGNPC, Presidio Trust, and National Park Service closely for the last five years. The park facilities and staff have made it possible for the tribe to engage in ceremonies, participate in festivals, introduce themselves to thousands of San Franciscans, and to begin to work with supporters to envision a permanent Ohlone presence in San Francisco.

The PX proposal by the Golden Gate Parks Conservancy would provide the first opportunity for the tribe to take on two additional responsibilities. The tribe would have a base from which to welcome indigenous visitors. The tribe would also have the chance to host Bay Area Native American organizations' events such as the American Indian Film Festival.

The Ohlone Profiles Project is committed to bringing Ohlone culture to a prominent role in San Francisco's public life. I hope this brief letter gives you a sense of how meaningful the GGNPC's PX proposal would be to Ohlone people and to indigenous people broadly. We are honored to be included by the Golden Gate Parks Conservancy's proposal and we hope the Presidio Trust takes our views into account knowing that we are honored by your consideration.

Thank you,

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