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Presidio Trust Board of Directors
Presidio of San Francisco
103 Montgomery Street
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Dear Members of the Presidio Trust Board:

I wholeheartedly endorse the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's proposal for the Presidio Commissary site, and the programs envisioned by the Presidio Exchange (PX).

For fifteen years *Kids In Parks* has provided environmental education to underserved students in San Francisco's public schools. We know that programs rooted in history, nature, and science can give important lift to the experiences of these students. The Parks Conservancy – through thoughtful partnership with programs like ours – is known and respected in the Bay Area for its work to create these experiences in the national parks, and especially at the Presidio.

I believe the Parks Conservancy's PX proposal is, by far, the best fit for the site. In addition to supporting the connection of school children and young people to their parks, the PX will be a tremendous resource to families from local communities and from around the world, providing workshops, performances, exhibits and ties to park-wide programs that draw from its national park setting.

The recent government shutdown exemplified how important the national parks are to the American public. I ask you to select the Parks Conservancy for the Commissary site, a leading organization that has a tangible role in developing and supporting meaningful partnerships in our national parks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey Brown".

Jeffrey Brown
Director, *Kids In Parks*