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Board of Directors,
The Presidio Trust
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Re: Plans for the Army Commissary building.

Dear Directors –

In advance of your Public Hearing on October 24, and your scheduled decision in November regarding proposed uses for the Commissary building, I wish to add my comments.

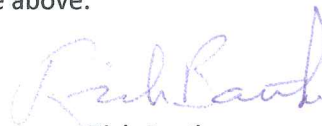
I am one of the many volunteers who donated untold hours to preserving the Presidio as a part of the National Park System, when several in Congress wanted to see it sold. We made the effort because of the history of the Presidio, probably the most historic site in our nation west of the Alleghenies. The Presidio is still visited regularly because of its historicity.

With that prelude, I find all three of the pending proposals to be somewhat deficient, although that from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy does provide for some history component .

The proposal from George Lucas does not mention history, but seeks a large new building to display the vast Lucas art collection, including movie and comic art. In other words, Mr. Lucas is offering an amenity which could be located anywhere, without any need to be in a National Park. Although Mr. Lucas is offering some serious money, his proposal must be found to be inappropriate.

If it is set in stone that one of the three pending proposals must be adopted, I speak in favor of that of the Park Conservancy.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.



Rich Bartke

A member of the federal Advisory Commission for GGNRA for 29 years, and its Chairman for the final 12 years. A member of the Presidio Committee for NPS which devised the plan to save the Presidio from sale.