

To: Mathew Snyder, San Francisco Planning Department

From: Eastern Neighborhoods Community Advisory Committee (“EN CAC”)

Date: February 28, 2021

Re: Allocation of \$800,000 to Esprit Park Project

On November 15, 2021, the EN CAC voted to allocate \$800,000 of impact fees (the “Gap Funding”) from a non-transferred appropriation for Central Waterfront Recreation and Open Space projects to the Esprit Park renovation project (the “Project”). The Gap Funding is in addition to \$2,711,000 of impact fees specifically appropriated and transferred to the Recreation and Park Department (“RecPark”) for Project.

Because (1) the Gap Funding was requested by RecPark to cover potential Project budget shortfalls, highlighting the possibility that certain design elements of the Project may have to be modified to keep the Project on budget; (2) the design process for the Project has historically faced delays that have contributed to a growing Project budget; and (3) the allocation of the Gap Funding to the Project reduces the pool of resources available for additional Central Waterfront parks and open space projects, the EN CAC has deemed it appropriate to formally communicate its understanding of how RecPark will complete the Project and use the Gap Funding.

1. RecPark shall engage in robust community-centered outreach as decisions are made in the finalization of the Project design, especially if modifications are proposed for budgetary reasons. We champion a community-centered approach to outreach in the spirit of cultural humility over that of cultural competency. As the project is expected to move into construction soon, we request quarterly community meetings to keep stakeholders informed on developments.
2. If, upon completion of the Project, any funding amounts allocated to the Esprit Project remain, regardless of source, such excess funding shall be reallocated to the Central Waterfront Recreation and Open Space appropriation to replace the Gap Funding.

The EN CAC looks forward to future updates on the Project.