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Mayor Gavin Newsom
City Hall, Room 200
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Sent Via
US Post and email

Dear Mayor Newsom:

The Board of Directors of the Pacific Heights Residents Association, serving tenants and homeowners in the area bounded by Van Ness and Presidio Avenue, Bush and Union St., was shocked and disappointed to receive your email in support of CAMP on the Main Post of the Presidio.

Are you aware of the fact that most neighborhood associations in your City (including the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods) are against locating the museum on the south end of the Main Parade Ground?

The Board of Supervisors created the Presidio Neighborhood Representative Work Group, which is currently meeting weekly, to inform your departments about our concerns regarding the location of the museum. Shouldn't you listen and consider this group's point of view?

It seems odd to us that you have taken a position in favor of CAMP before your City agencies have finished evaluating the several alternatives presented in the SEIS and provided you with their input.

Why aren't you pushing to have this great cultural resource anchor the Hunters Point Development Area, or as part of the Art-centric plan proposed for the seawall lot by the baseball stadium? Both locations will have, or already have, what the public really needs: good public transportation options and space for parking.

From another point of view, why do you want to draw so much more vehicular traffic through the residential streets surrounding the Presidio and into a park -- areas used by joggers, families walking with children, bicyclists, etc.? There is presently no good public transit access in the Presidio and neither plans nor resources for MUNI to support it.

And finally, why do you support violating the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines for managing and developing landmarked resources?

Suggesting access to the Fisher-created website is disingenuous. Here are a few others that offer alternative and valid points of view:

www.phra-sf.org (including all our letters and the CSFN resolution)

www.savethepresidio.org

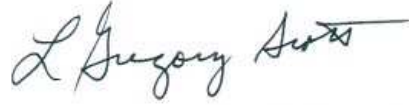
<http://presidioassociation.org/issues.htm>

www.sfgov.org/pnrwg (the City supported neighborhood work group)

<http://savepresidio.blogspot.com/>

Please consider rescinding your statement until you have heard from your constituents and your city departments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Greg Scott
President

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