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Habte Kifle
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Re: Letter of Support
Settlement Agreement & Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Dear Mr. Kifle,

I am very pleased to provide a letter of support for California State Park Foundation's efforts to secure mitigation funding as part of the above referenced settlement to benefit educational programming and capital improvements at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (CPSRA), Yosemite Slough.

CSPF began its partnership with Literacy for Environmental Justice more than a dozen years ago when it was looking for a community partner in the Bayview Hunter's Point neighborhood for the Yosemite Slough Wetlands Restoration project at CPSRA. The result became the successful Bay Youth for the Environment program, a science-based afterschool training program for high-school aged youth who have helped cultivate and plant more than 10,000 native plants needed for the restoration project. Participants have also gone on to become effective park stewards while furthering their education and career goals.

The opening of the new interpretive center, infrastructure, trails and visitor amenities will be

instrumental in connecting more than 200,000 annual visitors with the park's unique ecology and wildlife, as well as the area's Native American, industrial, cultural, and environmental justice history. In addition to providing visitors with a greater sense of place, the new park improvements will create a more welcoming, community-oriented environment, providing outdoor and indoor space for community gatherings, nonprofit programming partners such as ourselves and others, volunteer events and, K-12 school groups and environmental education programming. Most importantly, these efforts will help strengthen ongoing local involvement with a key, urban state park as well as champion the need for the preservation of San Francisco Bay, shoreline habitats and open space.

I urge your support of California State Parks Foundation and their plans to build a new education center at CPSRA along with other planned improvements at the highest possible level. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Rump', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Rump
Executive Director
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