



Chinatown Community
Development Center

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Dennis Bartels
Executive Director
Exploratorium
3601 Lyon Street
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. Bartels:

The Chinatown Community Development Center supports the Exploratorium's proposed move from the Palace of Fine Arts to Piers 15-17. The Exploratorium's project staff presented the Piers design plan to our Board of Directors Programs Committee, and we are excited that the Exploratorium will be moving to Piers 15-17, within walking distance of Chinatown. The Board believes that this move will not only improve accessibility for residents of Chinatown and District 3, but all communities in San Francisco. We were impressed by the museum's intent to take advantage of the natural surroundings and its location on the piers when creating new exhibits. We were also pleased to hear that the outdoor area of Pier 15 will hold rotating exhibits and be open to the public free of charge.

CCDC is eager to see the intended programs for community involvement come to fruition after the move to the Embarcadero is completed. We are excited about the preliminary discussions we've had to find creative and innovative ways to collaborate on accessible programs for the community at the new Piers location.

Thank you for your continual updates on the progress of the project. We look forward to continuing our work with you to develop additional programs available to the Chinatown community in the future.

Sincerely,

Gordon Chin
Executive Director