



February 20, 2016

Ms. Cassandra Costello, Property Manager
San Francisco Recreation & Park Department
McLaren Lodge
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: **LAKE MERCED WEST, LETTER OF INTEREST**

Dear Ms. Costello,

The California Dragon Boat Association (CDBA) is pleased to submit a Letter of Interest in the development of Lake Merced West. The CDBA is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that was formed in 1996 to promote the growth and development of dragon boating. It is the largest dragon boating organization in the Bay Area, hosting a year-round program for over 1,000 adults, youth, and college students. The CDBA organizes four race events a year, culminating in the San Francisco International Dragon Boat Festival, which is the largest competitive dragon boat race in the United States. The remaining three race events are held at Lake Merced's North Lake.

The CDBA is interested in the following partnering opportunities with future developers, including the following types of activities:

- **Dragon boat programs** – Dragon boating is an exciting team sport that is accessible to anyone, regardless of fitness level. The sports has incorporated a wide diversity of people including youth, seniors, college students, athletes, novices, cancer survivors, and hearing and vision impaired communities.
- **Events** – CDBA is interested in holding special racing events and cultural festivals on the site.
- **Exhibits** – We can also provide interactive content for cultural exhibits that may be developed on the site.
- **Storage, Maintenance, & Repair** – We have a need for greater boat and equipment storage, maintenance, and repair space for our organization, as well as for affordable meeting space for our teams.

We welcome the opportunity to participate in discussion with any respondents to the RFP and with the City and County of San Francisco related to this very important site.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yen Chung", written in a cursive style.

Yen Chung
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