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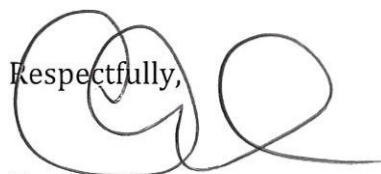
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To Whom It May Concern,

As one of San Francisco's oldest cultural institutions, San Francisco Art Institute is pleased to support the proposed improvements to the Beat Museum, a Chinatown Community Development Center property located at 540 Broadway. SFAI has a storied history with San Francisco's Beat culture: through the 1950s and 1960s, many SFAI alumni, faculty and associates were interconnected with the beat movement, even founding a few of its early institutions. Some of these same artists, Wally Hedrick, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Bernice Bing and Fred Martin to name a *few*, remain both national and international cultural icons.

Visited by both native San Franciscans and non-native alike, The Beat Museum is an important San Francisco's tourist attraction. Its contributions to the city-curating our dynamic history, and providing a space for artistic expression, community engagement and entertainment-are indispensable. The Beat Museum is a living monument, and its revitalization and expansion are a necessary step toward preserving and honoring this city's cultural institutions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gordon Knox', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

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