



## Middle Polk Neighborhood Association

Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Tel-Hi Preschool Co-op Application to Lease City Property – Helen Wills Clubhouse

Dear Supervisor Peskin,

We write in support of Tel-Hi Preschool Co-Op's application to lease the clubhouse at Helen Wills Park to operate a Co-op preschool. We have spoken with members of the school administration and are excited to have them as part of our Middle Polk community. Unfortunately, they have been displaced due to our growing affordability crisis. With its new location, the school will continue to be able to serve a diverse group of children that live in our neighborhoods. The School is affordable which is a rarity for early education in San Francisco sadly. Parents who are struggling with our City's rising costs depend on this school to serve their children's needs during a critical time in their children's development. Studies have shown that early education yields enormous benefits for the educational development of children. The school will also yield huge benefits to Helen Wills by ensuring active use of the clubhouse during the weekdays when school is in session. The school will enhance the facilities for use by the general public through their volunteer zeal and enhancement of the park with programming. Outside of school time parents will likely bring their kids to the park more because it is a familiar place. Having kids play in the park will bring out more families and our community and neighborhood will flourish.

Sincerely,  
Moe Jamil  
Chair, MPNA

CC: Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Emily Harrold, Chair, Russian Hill Neighbors

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