



February 27, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

Congratulations on the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Your hard work and success means immediate financial relief for families and communities in crisis, as well as a critical investment in our municipal and nation's health, education, transportation, energy and public safety infrastructure. I have directed the City family to work quickly and thoughtfully to seek and secure funding for city projects and programs that leverages private investment, as well as our non-profit and faith-based organizations, to maximize the benefits to our workforce and regional economy.

I believe we are uniquely positioned to be highly competitive in a number of key areas where no one else in the nation is a far ahead as the City. Including, specifically:

- *Healthy San Francisco* – securing health technology funds to augment this first in the nation program.
- *Network of Community Networks*: funding through broadband technology opportunities program to invest in the City's wireless and broadband deployment program.
- *Doyle Drive*: Leverage regional and state formula allocations along with funding from the competitive surface transportation program.
- *Transbay Terminal*: secure funding from the \$8 billion national High Speed Rail program to fund the first phase of CA high speed rail, including the Transbay Trainbox, the downtown extension and Caltrain electrification.
- *HOPE SF*: leverage public housing capital fund competition
- *Bay Area Electric Vehicle Initiative*: secure funding through the alternative fuel vehicles pilot program.
- *Energy/Conservation*: targeting several programs, including the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, to secure funding for the Civic Center Sustainable District, 525 Golden Gate, as well as a number of clean, conservation, efficiency projects related to energy, water and waste water.
- *Green Jobs*: secure funding from the High Growth & Emerging Sector Worker Training and Job Corp programs to advance the work and capacity of City Build.
- *SFUSD Innovations*: targeting the Race to the Top program and working in partnership with SFUSD, City College and SF State.

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We have an exceptional working relationship with your very capable staff and have greatly benefited from their guidance to date related to the stimulus bill and related programs. As the implementation process spreads out through the vast federal bureaucracy, I respectfully request that you identify a single-point of contact in your staff that we can work through to identify key staff within the administration and agencies to advance our priorities.

Again, congratulations and thank for your efforts on behalf of San Francisco and the nation.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom  
Mayor