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Nick Elsner
Department of Public Works
875 Stevenson Street, Room 460
San Francisco, CA 94103

Subject: **Support for parklet proposed for 754 Post Street**

Dear Mr. Elsner:

I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for the proposed parklet at 754 Post Street.

Existing pedestrian amenities in this neighborhood are scarce, and are particularly lacking on this block of Post. Existing streetscape/landscape is limited (only one street tree along the entire north side of the block), and there are no designated bicycle racks. The existing sidewalk width is relatively narrow, despite the presence of over ten active ground floor retail entrances and PDR spaces fronting the street.

Perhaps because of the great need for the space and public benefits that the parklet would provide, the parklet design for 754 Post Street has generated a very positive response from the surrounding neighborhood and local businesses. In a dense mixed-use neighborhood such as this one, providing a safe space for neighbors to gather is a vital function of the public realm – a function that the existing conditions along this block do not adequately address.

The project sponsor (a small café/retail tenant at 754 Post Street) has assembled a broad coalition of supporters comprised of residents of 754 Post Street, the property owner of 754 Post Street, neighboring businesses, neighborhood residents, and customers of the café. In addition, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, the Planning Department's Pavement to Parks program, and the SF Great Streets Project have also voiced their strong support for the project. I wish to add myself to that list of supporters. The proposed parklet will be a terrific addition to the neighborhood, creating a much needed space for our local residents to gather and enjoy the urban neighborhood, and creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment on this heavily traveled block.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Chiu".

David Chiu
President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors