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September 15th, 2025

City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: BAYCAT Letter of Support for SF Film Commission

To the Public Bodies/ Commission Streamlining Task Force:

As Executive Director of BAYCAT, I wholeheartedly support the SF Film Commission and its vital role in stewarding, resourcing and advising on the best policy and strategy for bringing film productions and by extension economic opportunity to film professionals and creatives in the Bay area as a vital part of the ongoing work of the City of San Francisco and the Office of the Mayor, Daniel Lurie.

The SF Film Commission and Manijeh Fata have been an invaluable partner in our efforts as we work in Bayview Hunters Point to educate, empower, and employ young people through digital media arts. BAYCAT has worked closely with FilmSF toward a more vibrant economic future for our participants, youth and young adults from the Bayview, Hunters' Point, District 10 and historically underemployed and traditionally excluded workers in the film industry in San Francisco.

The Film Commission, Film SF, and BAYCAT have worked together on efforts such as growing collaboration and partnership with other film nonprofits and organizations locally, advocacy for an improved tax incentive and policy for attracting film business in SF, placing alumni of our programs on in-town productions, sharing and shepherding more entry and midlevel career opportunities in media production amongst San Francisco and Bay area employers, and organizing and partnering to hold events to gather, connect and learn from creatives in the Bay, such as last year's How to Get a Gig as a PA in SF and our annual In Focus networking event tentatively scheduled for Spring 2026.

BAYCAT and I offer my full support to the continuation of and increased investment in the work of the Film Commission; please feel free to contact me in regard to this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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