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# Mayor's Disability Council

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SF Capital Planning Committee  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Letter of Support for Public Works Curb Ramp Program Request (FY 2026-27 General Fund)

Dear Capital Planning Comm. Members:

The Mayor's Disability Council strongly supports the SF Public Works request to maintain and expand San Francisco's curb ramp program which provides disabled people of all ages equal access to city life, jobs, transportation, and recreational walking.

Able-bodied residents of San Francisco can easily step up or off a curb. It is so simple and easy an act that it is automatic. For a disabled person, however, either on foot with a cane or walker or with a wheelchair, the curb is an impossible impediment to travel. Without a cut-out, the wheelchair user cannot access the sidewalk or street, and for the person with a cane or walker, the curb can be a terrifying barrier. The risk of a fall is paralyzing.

For these reasons, the Public Works request is timely and necessary. The Mayor's Disability Council recommends the highest possible level of funding for this curb cutout program. Thirteen percent of curbs in SF are missing curb ramps, and thousands of those which exist are in poor condition. Without a comprehensive network of updated curb cutouts, the city would be negligent in providing ADA-compliant equal access to disabled, elderly, and families with children to all aspects of city life, including employment, accessing city services, and recreational life.

The Mayor's Disability Council strongly requests funding that will provide the highest level of ADA access to the most vulnerable among us as we move around the city on foot or by wheelchair. San Francisco has provided many curb cutouts already in more commercial areas, but we need these necessary cutouts throughout the entire city.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Mayor's Disability Council

Patricia Arack, Co-Chair of the Council

CC: Eli Geraldin, Director, Office on Disability and Accessibility

Brian Strong, City's Chief Resilience Officer and Director of the Office of Resilience and Capital Planning

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