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The Most Reverend William J. Levada
The Archdiocese of San Francisco
1 Peter Yorke Way
San Francisco, California 94109-6602

Re: St. Brigid Church

Dear Archbishop Levada:

Please accept this as my request for you to open St. Brigid Church. The building is of great historical importance to San Francisco, and its active use would greatly enhance the wellbeing of our community and City.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed resolutions supporting the opening of San Brigid on August 23, 1999 and November 5, 2001. Each recognized the importance of the church to San Francisco, and was subsequently signed by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. We commended the parishioners for their ongoing "service and efforts to preserve the use and architecture and cultural history of Saint Brigid Church . . . and to make the neighborhood in which it stands a better, cleaner, and safer place to live and work by its preservation." We also noted that "the Committee to Save Saint Brigid Church continues to provide social service to the needy of San Francisco by outreach to the neighborhood," and pointed out that the United States Department of the Interior has recognized the architectural and historical significance of the church by declaring it eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

You may rest assured that I remain available to provide support in this endeavor, since it is of great importance to our citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

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