

July 13, 2021

U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Suite 71014
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Letter of Support for the City of South San Francisco and Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center's EDA Grant Application for the North County Business Resource Center

Dear Review Committee:

The County of San Mateo has been pleased to support the North County Business Resource Center (Center) in South San Francisco with a \$200,000 contribution last March and is excited about this facility that will serve North San Mateo County small businesses and entrepreneurs. It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for this initiative's U.S. EDA Grant Application for funding provided through the American Rescue Plan Act.

The launch of classes, coaching, and additional resources for North County small business owners and entrepreneurs will help existing businesses successfully recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and new businesses thrive. Many of our local businesses have struggled to survive during the pandemic and entrepreneurs have been reluctant to start new ventures. The Center will fill a large gap in services in North County and will connect small business owners and entrepreneurs to resources in the rest of the County and Bay Area.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors offers our full support for this critically needed investment in the North County of San Mateo.

Sincerely,

David J. Canepa, President
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

