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Dear Governor Newsom:

I write to inform you that I am very excited to learn that San Francisco's Galería de la Raza - now in its 50th year - is in the process of realizing its acquisition of a permanent home and is asking State of California for a one-time allocation of **\$6 million** for the ***Galería de la Raza Capital Campaign***. Thank you for having had the wisdom to allocate \$27.5 million in building funds (from the 2019-20 State Budget cycle) that was dispersed between 7 similar southern California arts/cultural organizations. We now seek a one-time, building acquisition allocation of \$6 million from the 2020-21 California State Budget for Galería de la Raza, one of California's historic institutions of Northern California.

As we consider the pressing social issues (e.g., homelessness, environment, public health and education needs of California's constituencies), it is imperative that we not overlook how necessary cultural institutions, as Galería de la Raza, are and how significant this organization is to Latin@/Latinx communities as well as to the overall arts and cultural fabric of California. To understand the necessity and role of arts and culture, is to understand how consequential it is to have a voice, dignity, and a sense of home, especially during these challenging periods.

(Include your affiliation/ personal story here and why Galería de la Raza matters.)

Acquiring a permanent home, especially in San Francisco, is key to assuring that our voices, contributions, and future will continue and will be strengthened. With the City of San Francisco's fiscal commitments confirmed and a groundbreaking having taken place, California's support will ensure this historic project is completed. Renting appropriate sites in San Francisco is no longer a sustainable option. Owning a permanent site is the answer.

Again, thank you for your support of arts/cultural building projects in southern California during the last budget cycle. We now look to your \$6 million in support of Galería de la Raza's permanent

home in Northern California, as part of the 2020-21 state budget. For more information regarding Galería de la Raza's Capital Campaign, please contact Executive Director Ani Rivera at ani.galeria@gmail.com.

Sincerely,