

**THE PRESIDIO TRUST**  
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS POLICY**

Archaeology provides a powerful touchstone for people to connect to the human past. At the Presidio of San Francisco (Presidio), archaeological investigations and programs have played an important role in developing an understanding of our shared cultural heritage. While the Presidio Trust (Trust) is responsible for managing archaeological collections that derive from Area B in the Presidio; staff may choose to accept collections from Area A as resources allow and where appropriate to assist in public access to and understanding of Presidio artifacts. These collections are held in the public trust and the Trust will see to their proper care in fulfillment of its duty to the public.

The scope of the Trust's archaeological collections includes assemblages related to the occupation and use of the Presidio by various cultures and groups over the last several thousand years. As outlined in the Presidio Trust Management Plan, the Trust will manage its collections to ensure the preservation of, and public access to, Presidio artifacts.

Management shall develop internal policies and procedures to implement this Board policy.