



## **Statement from the Presidio Trust Board of Directors Regarding the Mid-Crissy Field Site**

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Thank you all for joining us today. We appreciate the public interest in the iconic Mid-Crissy Field site that sits just across from the Golden Gate Bridge.

The Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust selected three teams as finalists - Lucas Cultural Arts Museum, the Presidio Exchange and the Bridge /Sustainability Institute.

Their proposals are all excellent. We thank each of them for their vision, time, talent, and the resources they've put forth.

However, after careful consideration and much deliberation, the Presidio Trust Board of Directors has unanimously decided not to pursue any of the proposals for the Mid-Crissy Field site. We simply do not believe any of the projects were right for this location.

While the Board is not selecting a project, we will continue discussions with each of the teams to bring elements of their programs to the Presidio.

To that end, we are extending an invitation to George Lucas to work with us to identify an alternative location for his proposed museum within the Presidio.

I am optimistic that we can find a path for bringing his exceptional digital museum proposal, including his passion for education, to the park.

We will also engage the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy about opportunities flowing from their Presidio Exchange proposal.

Finally, the Trust appreciates the importance of the third proposal – the Bridge/Sustainability Institute – and welcomes a discussion about ways to bring the critical theme of sustainability to the Presidio.

While we will not be moving forward at this time with any of the projects at the Mid-Crissy Field site, we invite the public to continue its involvement in shaping this new gateway to the Presidio.

The site where we are standing right now will only become more spectacular as the dust clears and the new Presidio Parkway road construction is completed.

Doyle Drive once separated the waterfront from the heart of the Presidio. Now, in just a few years, as the roadway is integrated more gracefully into the park landscape, the public will enjoy new scenic overlooks, better connections to the waterfront, and restored wetlands. As you can see behind me, the change is happening every day.

The potential for this new landscape is spectacular, and we look forward to having the Presidio fulfil its full promise to San Francisco and the nation.