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**Presidio Trust Receives a Proposal for the Rehabilitation of the  
Historic Fort Winfield Scott**

*Public Input is Encouraged before a May 23 Board Decision*

**Presidio of San Francisco** (March 15, 2019) - The Presidio Trust has received a proposal for the rehabilitation of historic Fort Winfield Scott, a 30-acre site at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge within the Presidio national park. Several organizations joined together to respond to the Trust's Request for Proposals seeking to transform Fort Winfield Scott into a "Campus for Change" addressing the significant environmental and social challenges of our time. They are the World Economic Forum, Equity Community Builders, Epicenter for Climate Solutions, OpenAI, Lela Goren Group, and The We Company.

The proposal is now available for public review on the Presidio Trust website, <https://www.presidio.gov/fort-winfield-scott/proposal>

"We're seeking a qualified organization with the vision and mission alignment to transform Fort Winfield Scott into a Campus for Change and we are pleased to have received this proposal," says Josh Bagley, Deputy Chief Business Officer for the Presidio Trust. "We encourage the public to review it and provide their input. Our focus continues to be on a fair and transparent process."

The Presidio Trust board of directors will now evaluate the proposal against the objectives described in its [Request for Proposals](#), which sought a mission-driven project that brings the historic buildings back to life for the public good, models environmental sustainability, and creates opportunities for the visiting public to enjoy Fort Winfield Scott's history and natural beauty. Only a project that meets these aspirations for the site and its long-term vision for the park will move forward.

**How to Comment on the Proposal**

The public is invited to view the proposal on the Presidio Trust website at <https://www.presidio.gov/fort-winfield-scott/proposal>. Written comments may be submitted through May 15, 2019 by email to [fortscott@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:fortscott@presidiotrust.gov); and by mail to Presidio Trust, Attn: Josh Bagley, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94129.

The Presidio Trust also invites comment at two upcoming public meetings:

- Presidio Trust public board of directors meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 5:30pm - 9pm, Golden Gate Club. Submitting organizations will present the proposal and the board will hear public comment.
- Presidio Trust public board of directors meeting, Thursday, May 23, 5:30pm - 9pm, Golden Gate Club. The proposal will be discussed, and the board will hear public comment. The board is expected to make a decision at this time.

### **Fort Winfield Scott History**

Fort Winfield Scott, named for the most prominent U.S. Army officer of the 19th century, was initially established as an independent post for the Coast Artillery Corps. While located within the Presidio Army post, Fort Winfield Scott functioned separately with its own commander until after World War II. Over the course of half a century, it served as headquarters for the defense of the Bay Area's coastline, from the era of breech loaded, rifled guns to Nike missiles. Constructed between 1909 and 1912, the Fort Scott barracks feature the earliest example of the Mission Revival architectural style at the Presidio.

### **About the Presidio**

The Presidio served as a military installation from its establishment in 1776 as Spain's northernmost outpost of colonial power in the New World, later passing to Mexico and then the United States. In 1972, Congress created one of the world's largest national parks in an urban setting – the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) – and declared that the Presidio would be part of the GGNRA should the military ever leave. At the end of the Cold War in 1989, Congress decided to close the Presidio. Its 218-year tenure as a military post ended in 1994 when the U.S. Army lowered its flag for the last time and the Presidio became a national park.

Since then, the Presidio has undergone a “post to park” transformation. The Presidio Trust, the National Park Service, and the non-profit Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy have built 24 miles of walking and 25 miles of biking trails, cleaned up beaches; restored native plants and habitats, and rehabilitated hundreds of historic buildings as visitor destinations, homes, and workplaces. Learn more at [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov).

PHOTO AND VIDEO ASSETS: <https://www.presidio.gov/fort-winfield-scott/about/photos-and-videos>

INTERVIEWS: Available with project manager Joshua Bagley throughout the day. Please contact Lisa Petrie.

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