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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to submit San Francisco State University's (SFSU) third AASHE STARS report for your review. This report reflects a year-long project that was supported by a cross-campus collaborative effort. We are proud to see a 15% increase in our STARS score and an anticipated move from Silver level to Gold.

Since our last submission, we saw an increase in our score from 58% to 73%. Many campuswide collaborative projects led to this increase. The largest increase was in the Academics section. In the past few years, SFSU has committed to increasing efforts to include social and climate justice in its academics. We remain committed to our long-standing academic requirement that all students complete a class in sustainability and the environment to graduate. We also recently launched a Climate Certificate, offered to all undergraduate students, and we expect to launch a School of the Environment.

Since 2018, SFSU has also furthered its commitment to decarbonization and constructing efficient buildings. The campus built its first all-electric residence hall in 2019. We currently have two more all-electric buildings under construction. These buildings support the State of California's move toward electrification. Our student housing program also supports our social justice efforts to supply housing at a below market rate to more of our students. This dedication to efficiency, decarbonization, social justice, and universal design has led to a reduction in our emissions, even as we build.

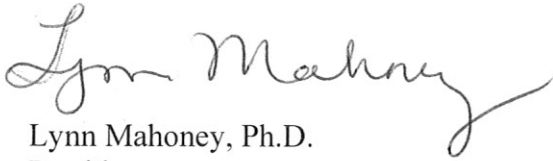
The San Francisco State University Foundation, an auxiliary corporation dedicated to supporting the University, recently passed a progressive and ambitious climate policy. In 2022, the Foundation made sweeping changes to its investment policy which deepen its commitment to socially responsible investing. The Foundation has committed to making measurable progress in growing the portfolio's diversity of underrepresented funds and fund managers. The Foundation also aims to divest from fossil fuel companies by 2025. By 2040, the Foundation aims for net-zero carbon emissions, a 100% reduction from 2022 levels.

Lastly, we could not have increased our score and achieved a Gold rating without our students. Our students have had a major impact on our increased commitment to social and climate justice. Many of our students support the University's Basic Needs Initiatives and social justice effort which ensure students have access to food and housing. The Associated Students, our student governing body, runs a food pantry as well as an on-campus farmers market, where EBT cards are accepted. They also manage many of our sustainability education and outreach efforts through annual events and student trainings on zero waste.

Through the STARS process, we have been able to monitor progress toward a more just and sustainable campus more effectively. The STARS documentation process also led to stronger connections between our faculty, staff and students. We were able to utilize the STARS framework for goal setting in our new campus strategic plan.

I support our STARS submission, led by our Director of Sustainability & Energy, Caitlin Steele. The report was verified by Jason Porth, vice president for University Enterprises, who confirms that the report accurately reflects San Francisco State University's efforts to create a sustainable and just campus.

Sincerely,



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