

To: San Francisco Library Commission

Re: December 17, 2021 Meeting

TBBC Renovation Agenda Item

My name is Charlie Dorris, and I am vice president of the TBBC Advisory Committee. The committee has been advocating for a renovated TBBC since 2013. There have been numerous meetings with TBBC and SFPL staff about how the space could be best used and designed to be most accessible. All along the way, the staff, both past and present, has been very supportive of this project, and it is to their great credit that we have reached this point.

The renovated TBBC will be a center for the San Francisco disability community. It will be better able to meet the traditional role of a library, that is, to be a source of information, entertainment, and job searches. In addition, it will be a refuge from the isolation that a disability tends to create. For example, the tech room will be large enough for book club and other activities, and the recording studio will allow locally-published books to be recorded.

The advisory committee looks forward to completion of the renovation in 2022. It will be a showplace that everyone can be proud of.