**Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Julia Morgan Building**  
March 27, 2025

Welcome, everyone! I’m delighted to have you here as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this remarkable landmark, the Julia Morgan Building. Yes, look around you, she’s a beauty!

Before I share a few words, I’d like to take a moment to recognize some special individuals. First, a heartfelt thank you to Supervisor Stephen Sherrill for joining us today and for honoring this occasion last week at City Hall. His proclamation officially designates March 27, 2025, as **Heritage on the Marina Day**—a truly meaningful tribute. Copies of the Certificate of Honor are available for you to take.

We are also pleased to have representatives from the offices of Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi and Assembly Member Catherine Stefani joining us briefly. Their schedules are tight, so we may adjust our program slightly when they arrive.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated board members, both past and present. Your leadership and guidance are invaluable—not only in preserving Julia Morgan’s legacy but also in ensuring that we remain strong stewards of our resources and continue to serve San Francisco for another century.

We are gathered here today because, in 1853, the **San Francisco Ladies’ Protection and Relief Society** was founded to support women and children in need. As their mission expanded, they entrusted Julia Morgan to design a home—a true refuge for those who lived here. Throughout this building, you’ll find symbols of care, compassion, and love, intentionally placed by Miss Morgan herself. In a few minutes, our very own resident, Theo Armor, will share more about these symbols and their significance.

One such symbol is the Tudor rose. If you notice members of our planning committee wearing gold rose pins, please take a moment to thank them for their tremendous work in bringing this celebration to life. I’d like to give a special shoutout to **Angie Lam, our Director of Dining Services**—she’s the driving force behind today’s incredible food, drinks, commemorative cookies, and even the stunning ice sculpture. Angie and her amazing team deserve a huge round of applause!

Today, we not only honor this extraordinary building—where so many of us live and work—but also the vibrant life that has flourished within its walls for the past century. I encourage you to visit the **second-floor Resident Art Gallery**, where our residents have created a beautiful and inspiring display reflecting the heart of this community—a vision that began with Julia Morgan herself. A special thank you to **Doris Howard, Margaret Jacobs, Eleanor Bissel, and Board Director Cynthia Barton** for making this exhibition possible.

We are also here to ensure that this legacy continues. Your generosity sustains our mission, allowing us to serve future generations in this magnificent building. I am deeply grateful to our many event sponsors—please now refer to the back of your program for a full list as I acknowledge each of them.

Thanks to their generosity, this event raised almost **$51,000** in sponsorship funds. A huge thank you to all our sponsors!

I also want to extend our gratitude to **Woody LaBounty and SF Heritage** for featuring us in their March newsletter. Copies of the article are available here if you’d like to read more.

A particularly special guest today is **Cathy Wilson**, who lived in the Julia Morgan Building from 1947 to 1949 when it was a convalescent home. We believe Cathy is the last living person to have resided here before our transition to serving seniors in retirement. Cathy, we are truly honored to have you here today to celebrate your former home.

And finally, before introducing our next speaker, I want to acknowledge someone very dear to us. Like this beautiful building, our beloved resident **Carm Arburua** is also celebrating 100 years this year. **Carm, you are a treasure—just like this place we call home.** We are fortunate to have three more centenarians living here (they are all well past 100!): Betty Dowell, Enid Leff, and Margaret Johnson.

Now, it is my pleasure to invite **Carolyn Kiernat, Principal at Page & Turnbull,** to the podium to speak about our landmark design.