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****PRESS RELEASE****

BAYANIHAN EQUITY CENTER ANNOUNCES OPENING CEREMONY

BEC celebrates the grand opening of 616 Minna Street.

San Francisco, CA – Last October, the Bayanihan Equity Center (BEC), announced its acquisition of a new building at 616 Minna Street, on the 25th Year Anniversary of the organization. Through the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), the acquisition of 616 Minna Street will allow BEC to expand its South of Market (SoMa)-based programs and services for older adults and adults with disabilities, to the broader API community in San Francisco.

BEC serves low-income and immigrant API residents citywide, with a majority of consumers residing in the SoMa and Tenderloin. With San Francisco’s older adult population expected to grow to 26% by 2030, the BEC will establish their own dedicated center at 616 Minna Street, located within the SOMA Pilipinas Cultural Heritage District. BEC provides a myriad of accessible and low-barrier programs and services that address social isolation, affordable housing needs, and food insecurity. BEC’s programs and services include social activities, legal clinic, housing case management, and the BEC Supplemental Grocery Program, which is sustained in partnership with the San Francisco Human Services Agency.

BEC will host its Opening Ceremony on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 12:00-12:45 PM, at 616 Minna Street, San Francisco, CA 94103**, with community leaders and elected officials. Hear from BEC Executive Director Luisa M. Antonio, members of the Board of Supervisors, Philippine Consul General Neil Frank R. Ferrer, and local community members who receive services from BEC.

“There was a time when it would seem impossible for small nonprofits to acquire a space for their services. Today, we have a strong partner with our local government that understands that stable nonprofits are better positioned to sustain their programs and services especially to the growing population of seniors in San Francisco. BEC has been a proud contractor for the City for a quarter of a century, and thrilled to move into our new home to serve the community for decades to come,” Luisa M. Antonio, BEC Founding Member & Executive Director.

To learn more about Bayanihan Equity Center and its programs and services, please visit www.sfbec.org

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