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Dear Admitted Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the San Francisco Conservatory of Music! As Associate Dean for Student Life, I am responsible for supporting new students with their housing needs. One of my official duties is to welcome you to the Conservatory and to the beautiful city of San Francisco!

As with any metropolitan city, rental rates are competitive. However, the Conservatory's downtown location offers students a diverse array of housing options throughout the Bay Area. Located only two blocks from our school, Golden Gate Hall serves as the exclusive partner residence hall to the Conservatory. Our musicians join students from nearby colleges and language institutes in a vibrant and friendly community. More information about Golden Gate Hall can be found online at www.goldengatehall.com.

Within the Bay Area, students can find diverse housing options in a variety of neighborhoods. Students seeking a residential community may prefer the Sunset District, home to the Conservatory's former Ortega Street location. Some may enjoy the amenities of urban high-rise complexes, many of which are found in the heart of the Civic Center. Others choose to live in the East Bay, accessible with BART public transportation. The Conservatory continues to enroll in the MUNI Class Pass system, which allows collegiate students unlimited access to MUNI busses, cable cars, and light rail trains in San Francisco.

In order to distribute timely and important housing information, the Conservatory manages an online housing community. This interactive community allows Conservatory students to discuss housing needs, and includes a roommate database, rental statistics, neighborhood profiles, and online links. This SFCM-Housing Yahoo! Group is a valuable resource in preparation for a move to the Bay Area and to the Conservatory. More information on this online community can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfcm-housing>.

Please take advantage of the help we have to offer. I have listed a number of resources available to you on the enclosed housing information sheet. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-503-6281 or yyip@sfc.edu with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you as you settle in to our community.

Best Wishes,

Yunny Yip
Associate Dean for Student Life