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Dear Supporter,

Noisebridge was started in 2007 with meetings of folks that believe in hackerspaces, radical inclusion, and excellence. Our exemption status as a 501c3 public charity was effective on October 2, 2008, allowing all your donations since that date to be tax deductible.

Your generous donation of \$XX.XX helps us maintain Noisebridge, which is more than a hackerspace. Noisebridge is a community of hackers and thinkers who maintain a free public hackerspace. It's an environment where you can come and use equipment and resources, gain valuable skills, and share experiences with other like-minded individuals.

At the early stages of its existence, Noisebridge is finding the best ways to make ends meet while maintaining the ability of members to shape Noisebridge collectively. Currently, this results in a simple funding strategy: we use donations and dues by active members and users to pay for the monthly costs of renting and maintaining our current San Francisco facility at 2169 Mission Street. There are no frills that Noisebridge funds are spent on beyond that.

Noisebridge strives to keep a minimum of 3 months operating expenses in bank savings. Current expenses fluctuate, but average out very close to \$5,000 a month. That makes our minimum savings target \$15,000, and thanks to your support, we met that savings target for the first time in December of 2010! This support shows that folks believe in Noisebridge and the hackerspaces movement that's growing internationally.

When you help Noisebridge financially, you help us meet real costs that keep the doors open and the lights on. This is for your SF hackerspace, whether you are an old hand, a remote supporter, a sometime tourist, or an excited first timer. Please come and visit soon!

Noisebridge is a California Public Benefit Membership Corporation. We are a Public Charity and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our EIN is 26-3507741.

Sincerely,
Noisebridge