



Harbor City Neighborhood Council

July 10, 2019

Councilman Joe Buscaino
638 S. Beacon St., Room 552
San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: San Pedro Community Garden

Councilman Buscaino,

At our Harbor City Neighborhood Council (HCNC) May 15th meeting over 30 gardeners attended to express their concerns over the city's decision to close the San Pedro Community Garden in order to make improvements to replace the irrigation system. After careful consideration, the HCNC unanimously voted in support of the gardeners and **strongly opposes** the city's plan to completely close the garden during construction.

While we understand that it is necessary to make these improvements, we believe that the city should find another way to complete the project without having to close the garden. We recommend that the city meet with the gardeners to discuss and address their concerns prior to making their final decision. We are concerned that most of the vegetation will not survive a lengthy closure.

The community garden provides a sense of ownership and community spirit which may be lost. Many of the gardeners are senior citizens who have devoted their time, invested financially, and have successfully sustained their plots for over 40 years. These gardens are a major source of food for many low-income residents of CD15.

The HCNC requests that:

1. The Council Office schedule a meeting as soon as possible with the San Pedro Community Garden's Board, the Department of Sanitation, From Lot to Spot, and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council to put together a definitive project plan.
2. The gardeners through their elected board should be partners with the City in participating with the re-design and receive regular updates on the construction process.

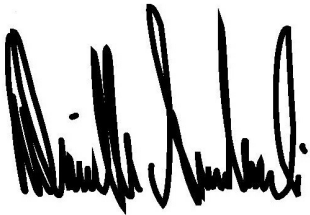


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3. The construction to be phased in to minimize disruption to the gardeners and their plots.
4. If water is shutoff completely, the City will provide a water tank truck to keep the plants thriving.
5. The City will ensure that all gardeners will be able to return to their original plots.
6. The City guarantees that this area will remain a community garden and will not be used for any other purpose.

We look forward to your response.

Thank you,



On behalf of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council

cc:

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