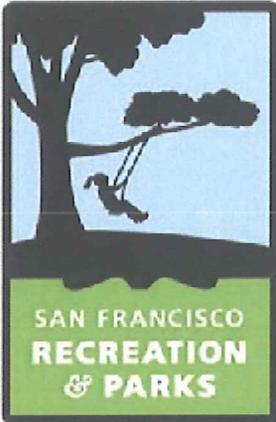


# Geneva Community Garden

application for the



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## Project Overview

Please submit 10 (ten) hard copies of your application and attachments (as described in the Application Checklist) to: ATTN: Community Opportunity Fund San Francisco Recreation and Parks 501 Stanyan St. San Francisco, CA 94117. E-mail and fax will not be accepted. Applications and all copies must be received by **4pm September 24, 2010**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Project Information			
Park Name	GENEVA LOT (AKA "GENEVA MINISTRIP")	Park Address	GENEVA x DELAND AVENUES
Neighborhood	CAYUGA TERRACE	District	RPD DISTRICT 5, SUPERVISORIAL DI
Brief Project Description (1-3 Sentences):			
Transform overgrown eyesore of a vacant lot on a busy transit corridor into a Community Garden and Sustainable Horticulture Demonstration Garden, showcasing low-water, resource-wise ornamentals with multilingual signage.			

Applicant Information			
Applicant	GENEVA COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT		
Contact Person	MARTHA ARNAUD		
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Cell Phone		Fax	415-584-7444

Funding Request	
Project type	<input type="radio"/> Menu (\$100,000 max request) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Custom (\$250,000 max request)
TOTAL Funding Request from Community Opportunity Fund	\$ 234,764
TOTAL Funding Commitment (in-kind and cash) from Applicant	\$ 56,172

The signatory certifies that s/he is authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant group and the information in this application accurately and fairly represents the goal, scope, and details of the project, and commits to honoring the applicant match.

Name (please print) MARTHA ARNAUD Signature Martha Arnaud

Address 783 CAYUGA AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94112 Date 12-September 2010

Phone 415-587-0304



## **Project Narrative:**

The Geneva Community Garden will transform a blighted piece of Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) property into a community-enhancing garden and spot of beauty and greenery for the enjoyment of the myriads of passers-by along this busy transit corridor.

The site is a sloping 10,000 square foot plot of land that is owned by the SF Recreation and Parks Department. It is bordered by Geneva and Delano Avenues, located in the block across San Jose Avenue from the Balboa Park BART Station and across Geneva Avenue from the historic Geneva Car Barn, which is currently the focus of a major community restoration effort. When Geneva Avenue was widened many decades ago, several homes were removed from their lots to make way for the construction. The proposed garden site comprises the remnants of these lots. A neighbor had tended a garden on this land for 25 years, until his death in the mid 1990's. Long-time residents speak fondly of how beautiful this spot had been back then! Subsequently, the land has become overgrown with brambles and ivy, attracts trespassers and rodents, and is an unsightly dumping ground for junk and trash.

The details of this project proposed here have been planned over the past two years in collaboration with RPD, DPW, and the surrounding community, and the project is ready to move forward to the construction phase. Our Fiscal Sponsor is the Neighborhood Parks Council, San Francisco's premier park advocacy authority, with expertise in parks projects and volunteer stewardship. This proposal leverages city resources and community interest and commitment to transform an unused and blighted piece of RPD property into an asset to the community and the city at large, providing much-needed community garden space as well as creating a bright spot of parkland greenery to bring a daily park connection experience to the many passers-by along this busy transit corridor. After initial construction, the stewardship, long-term care and maintenance of the garden will be the responsibility of the network of community gardeners formed, all following the well-established procedures of the the RPD Community Garden Program, as detailed in the official RPD Community Policies Document. The project is not only a community garden, but also a much-needed greening and beautification project in a prominent location in a diverse, high needs area. Even more than that, it serves an environmental education function in sustainable landscaping, providing a streetside demonstration garden showcasing environmentally responsible and climate-appropriate landscape choices.

## **Diverse benefits of the proposal:**

1. Increases the use and flexibility of this Park Space, as this RPD property is entirely unusable in its current state.
2. The Cayuga Terrace community, and the greater Outer Mission and District 11, is a diverse community (multiethnic, multilingual, residential, seniors, youth) and all will benefit from project.
2. Progress toward meeting the city-wide demand for Community Gardens. There is a significant un-met demand for community garden space; here in San Francisco currently over 500 people are on the wait-list for a community garden plot. The Geneva site itself lies within a "service gap" in the existing network of community gardens. Community gardening is a wonderful way to encourage healthy eating habits, foster organic food production, and build a community of shared environmental consciousness. In addition, growing produce for household consumption can defray grocery costs, a particularly significant consideration in this low-income community and challenging economic climate.
3. Beautification of a prominent streetside location, for aesthetic enjoyment of many who pass by every day as

pedestrians, transit users, and drivers. The garden is located adjacent to Balboa Park Station, a major transit hub utilized by over 10,000 people a day. Balboa Park Station is the busiest BART station outside of downtown San Francisco, and in addition to being serviced by numerous (9+) MUNI bus lines, the J, K, and M MUNI streetcar lines terminate at this location. The garden lies on the well-traveled route between the Geneva/Ocean exit ramp from Highway 280 and the Alemany/Mission corridor. With the expected development growing out of the Better Neighborhoods city planning process, local density will be increasing even more over the next years and decades, and preserving and developing beautiful green spaces in the neighborhood will be more important than ever.

4. Actively involves community members from this diverse region of San Francisco, creating community interest and commitment to improving and maintaining this city asset. Because it will be a Community Garden, the community of gardeners, rather than the Recreation and Parks Department, will be responsible for the day-to-day upkeep of this RPD site. In fact, the City's burden will likely be decreased overall, as the site improvements will discourage the dumping, trespassing, and other nuisance activities that currently take place at the site.

5. Streetside Demonstration Garden ("What is that lovely plant?") showcasing attractive and sustainable low-water and resource-responsible ornamental plantings and herbs that thrive in this microclimate, with educational multilingual signage with the botanical and common names of the featured plants, encouraging and facilitating residents' choice of microclimate-appropriate and resource-responsible plantings to incorporate into their own home landscaping.

6. Mitigate nuisance issues currently at site-- trespassing, dumping, rodent habitat.

#### **Applicants' Commitment and Community Desire for the proposed improvements:**

The community has had a longstanding interest in improving this blighted site. Over the years, local residents have attempted to mitigate the nuisance by organizing clean-up days, but it proved difficult to get sufficient access and proved impossible to make more than a small dent in the overgrowth at any one time by these efforts. It was obvious that we needed to organize, and pursuing the idea of a community garden was a natural fit, considering the former garden use at this site.

The applicants have already demonstrated long-term dedication and commitment to development of this Community Garden, as the group has been working with the Recreation and Parks Department, with the Supervisor's office, and with the surrounding community since 2008 to develop this project. We first approached RPD in 2008. With a positive response from Marvin Yee and Eric Andersen, we began outreach via presentations at the neighborhood association meetings in the surrounding areas, where the proposal received enthusiastic support. We gathered signatures from over 80 individuals on a petition stating "I would like to see a Community Garden installed on the Geneva Mini-Strip," and garnered official support of the idea from the Cayuga Improvement Association, the New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, the Excelsior District Improvement Association, the Outer Mission Merchants and Residents Association, the Friends and Advocates of Crocker Amazon and the Excelsior, the District 11 Council, and Supervisor Avalos' office (please see attached letters). We presented this to the Recreation and Parks Commission at a hearing in May 2009, and were granted approval from RPD Interim General Manager Jared Blumenfeld to proceed with garden planning and exploration of funding options (please see attached). Supervisor Avalos budgeted \$30,000 toward the project in the 2010 budget, and in collaboration between RPD and DPW, a Conceptual Design was developed. In a series of public Community Meetings facilitated by the District 11 Council, the Conceptual Design has been refined (please see additional letter of support from District 11 council, June 25, 2010). We presented this Conceptual Design at the Recreation and Parks Commission at their hearing on July 1, 2010, and received approval to go

forward and apply for funding to realize this vision.

The long-range community vision is to improve the entire site; however, due to the limited funding available at this time, we herein propose a 21-plot community garden on the half of the land adjacent to Delano Avenue. We are committed to revitalizing the entirety of the site, and will be working to secure the additional funding necessary after completion of this first phase of the project. We have attached a detailed budget for this project, in which the current proposal is referred to as Phase 1. Note that the attachment also includes projected costs for a future "Phase 2" garden expansion, which are beyond the scope of this grant, but included for reference and completeness, with respect to the intended vision for the site as a whole.

**In detail, this proposal includes:**

- Clearing of the overgrowth, dumped trash and debris from the site
- Removal of the arborified ivy-covered chain link fence around the Delano half of the site
- Grading of the surface and installation of low concrete retaining walls, steps
- Up to 19 raised-bed garden planters and soil, plus 2 additional wheelchair-accessible planters
- Central gathering area with ADA-compliant "Nature Pave" surface, compost bins, space for picnic table and small greenhouse (the picnic table and greenhouse themselves are out of scope of this proposal, but may be donated items)
- Irrigation system: plumbing and hose bibbs
- Pedestrian entry area with public seating (bench outside of the perimeter fence) and ornamental plantings
- Streetside Demonstration Garden planting bed, low-water and resource-responsible ornamental plantings, multilingual signage

**Projected project timeline, based on announcement of awards in December, 2010:**

January, 2011 - final preparation of construction documents

March, 2011 - solicitation of bids/contract award

April, 2011- construction, including:

- clear and grade the site
- concrete work (retaining walls), steps
- irrigation
- Nature Pave surface
- installation of planters, soil
- fence replacement
- additional hardscape (bench)
- decorative plantings

July, 2011- completion/grand opening

In summary, we propose to construct a Community Garden on a blighted piece of property owned by the Recreation and Parks Department. As a Community Garden, the project will realize healthy, fresh, local food production and teach the practice of organic gardening as a constructive and environmentally friendly endeavor. As a Demonstration Garden, the project will benefit an even wider population, not just those who tend the garden plots themselves, educating the residents of this microclimate about environmentally responsible and sustainable landscape choices that thrive here. As a greening and beautification project, the project will benefit the entire community at large, bringing a bit of beauty and cheer to everyone who passes by on the this well-traveled Geneva transit corridor.



Greenhouse and Garden Plots



Planter Beds



Garden Shed



Recycled Concrete Seawalls



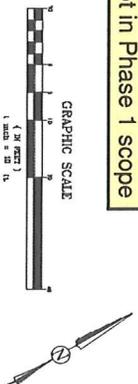
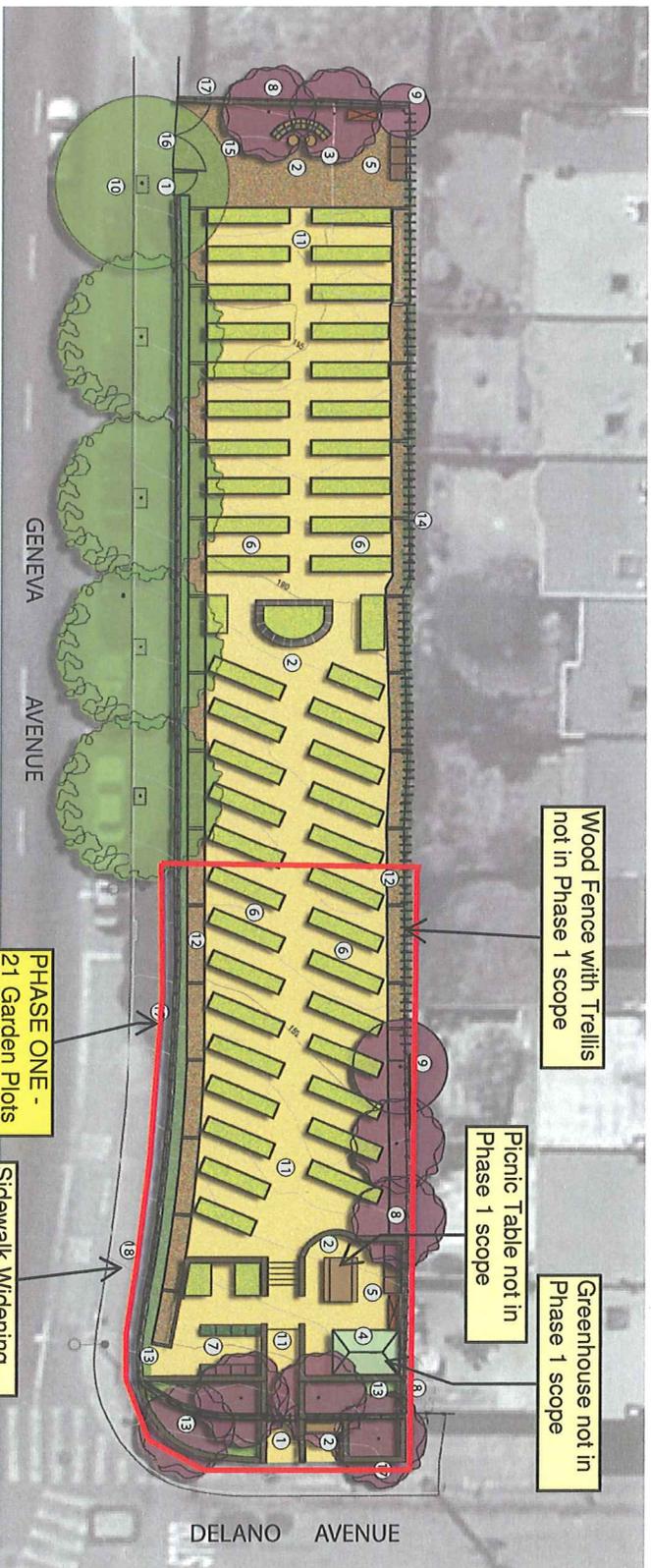
Herb Garden Beds that attracts Birds and Butterflies

**Plan Legend**

- ① Pedestrian Entry
- ② Gathering Spot
- ③ Bench with Trellis
- ④ Greenhouse
- ⑤ Work Zone: compost and tool sheds
- ⑥ Community Garden Plots
- ⑦ Accessible Garden Plots
- ⑧ New Fruit Trees
- ⑨ Existing Fruit Trees
- ⑩ Existing Strawberry Tree
- ⑪ Nature Pave Paving
- ⑫ Timber Steps and Mulch Paving
- ⑬ Informal Planting Beds
- ⑭ Trellis with Vines
- ⑮ Material Drop-off Area
- ⑯ Truck Access
- ⑰ Metal Perimeter Fencing over Concrete Curb
- ⑱ Sidewalk widened 1-FT



Location Map



# Geneva Community Garden

## CONCEPT PLAN

Consultant:  
 Department of Public Works  
 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SECTION  
 Community Meeting III  
 June 12, 2010



**Additional Resources and References:**

SF Recreation and Parks Community Garden Program: <http://sf-recpark.org/index.aspx?page=319>

RPD Community Garden Policies document: [http://sf-recpark.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/CommunityGardens/POLICY%20DOCUMENT%20adopted%20REVISED\(1\).pdf](http://sf-recpark.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/CommunityGardens/POLICY%20DOCUMENT%20adopted%20REVISED(1).pdf)

Better Neighborhoods Balboa Park Station Area and Geneva Car Barn: <http://www.sfplanning.org/index.aspx?page=1748>

BART Station usage, exit statistics: <http://www.bart.gov/docs/WeekdayExits.pdf>

Balboa Park BART Station information: <http://www.bart.gov/stations/balb/index.aspx>

Area Transit: <http://511.org/>



## **Budget and Applicant Match Commitment**

### **Budget:**

Funding request: \$234,764 (\$223,585 base bid + 5% mobilization estimate)

Please see attached budget, prepared by RPC Community Garden Manager Marvin Yee.

### **Notes:**

For completeness, the City budget estimate itemizes all costs involved in fulfilling the community's vision for the site, in which the final garden will improve the entirety of the site and will include 52 garden plots. Because of the limited funding available, we propose a 21-plot community garden at the site. The budget spreadsheet refers to the 21-plot project proposed in this application as "Phase 1" and itemizes the additional costs for subsequent garden expansion as "Phase 2" items.

In the event that the committee feels that this project is worthwhile but that funding the construction of the 21-plot garden is simply not feasible in this first round of COF grants, we present two even more scaled-down versions of the project for your consideration, a 17-plot and 13-plot garden for the site, respectively. We feel strongly that the 21-plot garden will better address the issues at the site and serve the needs of the community than either of the smaller options, but acknowledge that rather limited funding is available at this time.

Please note: The standard City budget sheet includes estimates for contingency and for soft costs (e.g., project management). Because the COF funding mechanism already accounts for these, the contingency and soft cost line items are not included in our total funding request for this project.

### **Applicant Match Commitment:**

Volunteer effort to date (\$12/hour): \$3,144

\$360: 30 hours community garden research

\$1440: 120 hours project-related correspondence

\$144: 12 hours meetings on-site at garden, at NPC, at RPD

\$720: 60 hours meetings and hearings attended for outreach

\$480: 40 hours grant writing

Additional Match Commitment: \$51,588

\$40,000: funding secured by Supervisor Avalos toward initial project development (\$30,000 FY 2010+ \$10,000 FY 2011)

\$11,588: line items from budget that will be covered by volunteer labor

Volunteer effort projected through July 2011 (\$12/hour): \$1,440

\$1,440: 120 hours outreach (20 hours meetings, 10 h/mo correspondence October 2010-July 2011)

Total Applicant Commitment: \$56,172

### **Notes:**

Because of the heavy construction nature of this first phase of the project, the initial site preparation will require heavy machinery and due to the expertise required (e.g., grading, plumbing, concrete pouring, paving) and liability issues, it is not conducive to volunteer labor. This necessarily affects the amount of matching contribution we can realistically propose toward completion of this phase of the project in this application, as

utilization of neighborhood volunteers, no matter how enthusiastic, for most of this work is not safe nor realistic. Our contribution of "sweat equity" covers all of the tasks reasonable for our volunteers to perform-- all of the outreach to community members and groups, presentations at neighborhood association and District 11 Council meetings, attendance at RPC hearings, and volunteer-appropriate labor in the garden. After the heavy equipment-requiring construction phases of the project are complete, volunteers will perform the more light-duty tasks that do not require power tools (filling soil into planter boxes, spreading mulch, installing the demonstration garden plantings). The value of these "sweat equity contributions is projected to be \$16,172.

While not yet guaranteed and therefore not included as "match" line items in the budget, but still worthy of mention here, we have identified other ways in which we can leverage local support to defray the costs, in particular, garden fundraising program to offer "sponsorship" of pieces of garden hardscape in exchange for some recognition (for example, "naming" of individual planter boxes, benches, greenhouse, picnic table), and direct solicitation of donations of site furniture and ornamental plant material from businesses.

Even without these additional sources, our financial commitment is strong, with \$40,000 already allocated in the 2010 and 2011 budget for the Geneva Community Garden project. These funds have allowed us the city personnel time necessary to have experts Marvin Yee (RPD Community Gardens Program Manager) spec out the details and budget for the project, and Kathleen O'Day (DPW Landscape Architect) prepare the Conceptual Design drawings, ensuring both that the plans are appropriate for City approval, and that the budget is complete, accurate, and realistic for a City construction project of this scope.

Geneva Strip Community Garden								
PHASE 1 - OPTION A (21 Plots)								
Preliminary Estimates								
September 8, 2010								
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE								
ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	BREAKDOWN		MATCHING	PH 1 SUBTOTAL
					PHASE 1	PHASE 2		
<b>DEMOLITION</b>								
Demolish Conc. Walls and footings (Hts vary)	150	LF	\$20.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000		\$19,475
Clear/Grub existing planting and debris	10,642	SF	\$1.00	\$10,642.00	\$4,800	\$5,842		
Demolish wood misc structures	50	LF	\$20.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000			
Demo Redwood Trees and roots-Cut into log seats	2	EA	\$3,000	\$6,000.00	\$6,000			
Remove Pine Trees and roots	2	EA	\$2,500	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Remove chain link fence and gates	330	LF	\$5.00	\$1,650.00	\$675	\$975		
Remove/cap existing utilities (hose bibs, etc)	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000			
Salvage misc garden ornaments	1	LS	\$250	\$250.00			\$250	
<b>GRADING AND DRAINAGE</b>								
Rough Grading/Fine Grading	10,642	SF	\$1.50	\$15,963.00	\$7,200	\$8,763		\$25,115
Garden Soil for Planters (materials only)	116	CY	\$45.00	\$5,220.00	\$2,915	\$2,305		
Garden Soil for Planters (labor only)	116	CY	\$45.00	\$5,220.00		\$2,305	\$2,915	
Soil Prep site perimeter planting beds	900	SF	\$1.25	\$1,125.00			\$1,125	
Site Drainage Allowance	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000.00	\$15,000	\$10,000		
<b>PAVING</b>								
CCSF Sidewalk (widen sidewalk)	250	SF	\$9.00	\$2,250.00		\$2,250		\$49,693
Natural Pave Paving	4690	SF	15.00	\$70,350.00	\$21,533	\$48,817		
Concrete Ramp	240	SF	9.00	\$2,160.00	\$2,160			
CCSF Curb Ramp	2	EA	\$13,000	\$26,000.00	\$26,000			
<b>Construction and Conc. Walls</b>								
Concrete Retaining Walls	30	CY	\$1,000	\$30,000.00	\$30,000			\$55,700
Concrete Seatwall	6	CY	\$1,000	\$5,900.00	\$5,900			
Concrete Wall (above 30"H)	14	CY	1,200	\$16,800.00	\$16,800			
Concrete slab for PreFab Greenhouse	100	SF	\$9	\$900.00		\$900		
Concrete Steps	30	SF	\$100	\$3,000.00	\$3,000			
Timber Steps in 3FT Side Paths	30	EA	\$150	\$4,500.00		\$4,500		
Bender board edging for 3FT Side Paths	595	LF	\$3	\$1,785.00		\$1,785		
Mulch base for 3 FT Side Paths	1170	SF	\$1.75	\$2,047.50			\$2,048	
<b>MASONRY WORK</b>								
Recycled concrete seat walls	50	LF	\$100	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		\$0
<b>CARPENTRY WORK</b>								
Compost Bin	2	EA	\$3,600	\$7,200.00	\$3,600	\$3,600		\$16,490
Tool Shed	2	EA	\$7,000	\$14,000.00	\$7,000	\$7,000		
ADA Wood Planters	2	EA	\$2,508	\$5,016.00	\$5,016			
Raised Wood Planters	50	EA	\$46	\$2,300.00	\$874	\$1,426		
<b>IRRIGATION</b>								
Backflow Preventor	1	EA	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000			\$8,160
Automatic Irrigation System for Front and Side Bed	900	SF	\$4.00	\$3,600.00		\$3,600		
Hose bibs	240	LF	\$56.00	\$13,440.00	\$6,160	\$7,280		
<b>PLANTING</b>								
Trees - 15 Gal.	9	EA	\$200	\$1,800.00	\$1,400	\$400		\$2,400
Street Trees - 15 Gal.	4	EA	\$125	\$500.00		\$500		
Shrubs - 5 Gal.	20	EA	\$50	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Perennials & Vines - 1 Gal.	200	EA	\$20	\$4,000.00	\$1,000	\$3,000		
Groundcovers - 1 gal. (@36" o.c.)	25	EA	\$20	\$500.00		\$500		
Misc. 4" Pots	25	EA	\$10	\$250.00		\$250		
Mulch for Planters and Planting beds	3000	SF	\$1.75	\$5,250.00			\$5,250	
<b>FENCING</b>								
Metal Fence (8'h) including Conc. Curb Wall	242	LF	\$250.00	\$60,500.00	\$23,125	\$37,375		\$35,725
Wood Fence (8'h) w/ Trellis	170	LF	\$100.00	\$17,000.00		\$17,000		
Metal Fence (5'h) on Conc. Walls	76	LF	\$100.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600			
Wood Fence on West End	40	LF	\$75.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000		
Single Gate - 4'	1	EA	\$2,000	\$2,000.00		\$2,000		
Double Gate - 3' with Trellis	1	EA	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Double Gate - 6'	1	EA	\$6,500	\$6,500.00		\$6,500		
<b>MISC</b>								
Handrails at Ramp	32	LF	\$100	\$3,200.00	\$3,200			\$10,827
Prefabricated Greenhouse	1	LS	\$4,000	\$4,000.00		\$4,000		
Metal Plot numbers	53	EA	\$60	\$3,180.00	\$1,127	\$2,053		
Interpretive Signage	9	EA	\$300	\$2,700.00	\$1,500	\$1,200		
Traffic Routing - Phase 1	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Traffic Routing - Phase 2	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		
<b>SITE FURNISHINGS</b>								
Picnic Table	1	EA	\$3,750	\$3,750.00		\$3,750		\$0
Wood Bench	1	EA	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Bulletin Board	1	EA	\$6,500	\$6,500.00		\$6,500		
Trellis at Gathering Space	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000.00		\$10,000		
<b>SUBTOTAL PHASE 1 BASE BID</b>								
								\$223,585
<b>MOBILIZATION 5%</b>								\$11,179
<b>TOTAL BASE BID CONSTRUCTION COST</b>								\$234,764
<b>CONTINGENCY 10%</b>								\$23,476
<b>Soft Costs (design, project management, etc.)</b>								\$70,429
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</b>								\$328,670

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PHASE 1 - OPTION B (17 Plots)								
Preliminary Estimates								
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CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE								
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Demolish Conc. Walls and footings (Hts vary)	150	LF	\$20.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000		\$18,800
Clear/Grub existing planting and debris	10,642	SF	\$1.00	\$10,642.00	\$4,200	\$6,442		
Demolish wood misc structures	50	LF	\$20.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000			
Demo Redwood Trees and roots-Cut into log seats	2	EA	\$3,000	\$6,000.00	\$6,000			
Remove Pine Trees and roots	2	EA	\$2,500	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Remove chain link fence and gates	330	LF	\$5.00	\$1,650.00	\$600	\$1,050		
Remove/cap existing utilities (hose bibs, etc)	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000			
Salvage misc garden ornaments	1	LS	\$250	\$250.00			\$250	
<b>GRADING AND DRAINAGE</b>								
Rough Grading/Fine Grading	10,642	SF	\$1.50	\$15,963.00	\$6,300	\$9,663		\$23,605
Garden Soil for Planters (materials only)	116	CY	\$45.00	\$5,220.00	\$2,305	\$2,915		
Garden Soil for Planters (labor only)	116	CY	\$45.00	\$5,220.00		\$2,915	\$2,305	
Soil Prep site perimeter planting beds	900	SF	\$1.25	\$1,125.00			\$1,125	
Site Drainage Allowance	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000.00	\$15,000	\$10,000		
<b>PAVING</b>								
CCSF Sidewalk (widen sidewalk)	250	SF	\$9.00	\$2,250.00		\$2,250		\$44,833
Natural Pave Paving	4690	SF	15.00	\$70,350.00	\$16,673	\$53,677		
Concrete Ramp	240	SF	9.00	\$2,160.00	\$2,160			
CCSF Curb Ramp	2	EA	\$13,000	\$26,000.00	\$26,000			
<b>Construction and Conc. Walls</b>								
Concrete Retaining Walls	30	CY	\$1,000	\$30,000.00	\$30,000			\$55,700
Concrete Seatwall	6	CY	\$1,000	\$5,900.00	\$5,900			
Concrete Wall (above 30"Ht)	14	CY	1,200	\$16,800.00	\$16,800			
Concrete slab for PreFab Greenhouse	100	SF	\$9	\$900.00		\$900		
Concrete Steps	30	SF	\$100	\$3,000.00	\$3,000			
Timber Steps in 3FT Side Paths	30	EA	\$150	\$4,500.00		\$4,500		
Bender board edging for 3FT Side Paths	595	LF	\$3	\$1,785.00		\$1,785		
Mulch base for 3 FT Side Paths	1170	SF	\$1.75	\$2,047.50			\$2,048	
<b>MASONRY WORK</b>								
Recycled concrete seat walls	50	LF	\$100	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		\$0
<b>CARPENTRY WORK</b>								
Compost Bin	2	EA	\$3,600	\$7,200.00	\$3,600	\$3,600		\$16,306
Tool Shed	2	EA	\$7,000	\$14,000.00	\$7,000	\$7,000		
ADA Wood Planters	2	EA	\$2,508	\$5,016.00	\$5,016			
Raised Wood Planters	50	EA	\$46	\$2,300.00	\$690	\$1,610		
<b>IRRIGATION</b>								
Backflow Preventor	1	EA	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000			\$7,320
Automatic Irrigation System for Front and Side Bed	900	SF	\$4.00	\$3,600.00		\$3,600		
Hose bibs	240	LF	\$56.00	\$13,440.00	\$5,320	\$8,120		
<b>PLANTING</b>								
Trees - 15 Gal.	9	EA	\$200	\$1,800.00	\$1,400	\$400		\$2,400
Street Trees - 15 Gal.	4	EA	\$125	\$500.00		\$500		
Shrubs - 5 Gal.	20	EA	\$50	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Perennials & Vines - 1 Gal.	200	EA	\$20	\$4,000.00	\$1,000	\$3,000		
Groundcovers - 1 gal. (@36" o.c.)	25	EA	\$20	\$500.00		\$500		
Misc. 4" Pots	25	EA	\$10	\$250.00		\$250		
Mulch for Planters and Planting beds	3000	SF	\$1.75	\$5,250.00			\$5,250	
<b>FENCING</b>								
Metal Fence (8'h) including Conc. Curb Wall	242	LF	\$250.00	\$60,500.00	\$19,375	\$41,125		\$31,975
Wood Fence (8'h) w/ Trellis	170	LF	\$100.00	\$17,000.00		\$17,000		
Metal Fence (5'h) on Conc. Walls	76	LF	\$100.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600			
Wood Fence on West End	40	LF	\$75.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000		
Single Gate - 4'	1	EA	\$2,000	\$2,000.00		\$2,000		
Double Gate - 3' with Trellis	1	EA	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Double Gate - 6'	1	EA	\$6,500	\$6,500.00		\$6,500		
<b>MISC</b>								
Handrails at Ramp	32	LF	\$100	\$3,200.00	\$3,200			\$10,287
Prefabricated Greenhouse	1	LS	\$4,000	\$4,000.00		\$4,000		
Metal Plot numbers	53	EA	\$60	\$3,180.00	\$887	\$2,293		
Interpretive Signage	9	EA	\$300	\$2,700.00	\$1,200	\$1,500		
Traffic Routing - Phase 1	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Traffic Routing - Phase 2	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		
<b>SITE FURNISHINGS</b>								
Picnic Table	1	EA	\$3,750	\$3,750.00		\$3,750		\$0
Wood Bench	1	EA	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Bulletin Board	1	EA	\$6,500	\$6,500.00		\$6,500		
Trellis at Gathering Space	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000.00		\$10,000		
<b>SUBTOTAL PHASE 1 BASE BID</b>								
<b>MOBILIZATION 5%</b>								
<b>TOTAL BASE BID CONSTRUCTION COST</b>								
<b>CONTINGENCY 10%</b>								
<b>Soft Costs (design, project management, etc.)</b>								
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</b>								

Geneva Strip Community Garden								
PHASE 1 - OPTION C (13 Plots)								
Preliminary Estimates								
September 8, 2010								
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE								
ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	BREAKDOWN		MATCHING	PH 1 SUBTOTAL
					PHASE 1	PHASE 2		
<b>DEMOLITION</b>								
Demolish Conc. Walls and footings (Hts vary)	150	LF	\$20.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000		\$18,125
Clear/Grub existing planting and debris	10,642	SF	\$1.00	\$10,642.00	\$3,600	\$7,042		
Demolish wood misc structures	50	LF	\$20.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Demo Redwood Trees and roots-Cut into log seats	2	EA	\$3,000	\$6,000.00		\$6,000		
Remove Pine Trees and roots	2	EA	\$2,500	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		
Remove chain link fence and gates	330	LF	\$5.00	\$1,650.00		\$525	\$1,125	
Remove/cap existing utilities (hose bibs, etc)	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000.00		\$2,000		
Salvage misc garden ornaments	1	LS	\$250	\$250.00			\$250	
<b>GRADING AND DRAINAGE</b>								
Rough Grading/Fine Grading	10,642	SF	\$1.50	\$15,963.00	\$5,400	\$10,563		\$22,185
Garden Soil for Planters (materials only)	116	CY	\$45.00	\$5,220.00	\$1,785	\$3,435		
Garden Soil for Planters (labor only)	116	CY	\$45.00	\$5,220.00		\$3,435	\$1,785	
Soil Prep site perimeter planting beds	900	SF	\$1.25	\$1,125.00			\$1,125	
Site Drainage Allowance	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000.00	\$15,000	\$10,000		
<b>PAVING</b>								
CCSF Sidewalk (widen sidewalk)	250	SF	\$9.00	\$2,250.00		\$2,250		\$39,973
Natural Pave Paving	4690	SF	15.00	\$70,350.00	\$11,813	\$58,537		
Concrete Ramp	240	SF	9.00	\$2,160.00		\$2,160		
CCSF Curb Ramp	2	EA	\$13,000	\$26,000.00	\$26,000			
<b>Construction and Conc. Walls</b>								
Concrete Retaining Walls	30	CY	\$1,000	\$30,000.00	\$30,000			\$55,700
Concrete Seatwall	6	CY	\$1,000	\$5,900.00	\$5,900			
Concrete Wall (above 30"H)	14	CY	1,200	\$16,800.00	\$16,800			
Concrete slab for PreFab Greenhouse	100	SF	\$9	\$900.00		\$900		
Concrete Steps	30	SF	\$100	\$3,000.00	\$3,000			
Timber Steps in 3FT Side Paths	30	EA	\$150	\$4,500.00		\$4,500		
Bender board edging for 3FT Side Paths	595	LF	\$3	\$1,785.00		\$1,785		
Mulch base for 3 FT Side Paths	1170	SF	\$1.75	\$2,047.50			\$2,048	
<b>MASONRY WORK</b>								
Recycled concrete seat walls	50	LF	\$100	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		\$0
<b>CARPENTRY WORK</b>								
Compost Bin	2	EA	\$3,600	\$7,200.00	\$3,600	\$3,600		\$16,122
Tool Shed	2	EA	\$7,000	\$14,000.00	\$7,000	\$7,000		
ADA Wood Planters	2	EA	\$2,508	\$5,016.00	\$5,016			
Raised Wood Planters	50	EA	\$46	\$2,300.00	\$506	\$1,794		
<b>IRRIGATION</b>								
Backflow Preventor	1	EA	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000			\$6,480
Automatic Irrigation System for Front and Side Bed	900	SF	\$4.00	\$3,600.00		\$3,600		
Hose bibs	240	LF	\$56.00	\$13,440.00	\$4,480	\$8,960		
<b>PLANTING</b>								
Trees - 15 Gal.	9	EA	\$200	\$1,800.00	\$1,400	\$400		\$2,400
Street Trees - 15 Gal.	4	EA	\$125	\$500.00		\$500		
Shrubs - 5 Gal.	20	EA	\$50	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Perennials & Vines - 1 Gal.	200	EA	\$20	\$4,000.00	\$1,000	\$3,000		
Groundcovers - 1 gal. (@36" o.c.)	25	EA	\$20	\$500.00		\$500		
Misc. 4" Pots	25	EA	\$10	\$250.00		\$250		
Mulch for Planters and Planting beds	3000	SF	\$1.75	\$5,250.00			\$5,250	
<b>FENCING</b>								
Metal Fence (8'h) including Conc. Curb Wall	242	LF	\$250.00	\$60,500.00	\$15,625	\$44,875		\$28,225
Wood Fence (8'h) w/ Trellis	170	LF	\$100.00	\$17,000.00		\$17,000		
Metal Fence (5'h) on Conc. Walls	76	LF	\$100.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600			
Wood Fence on West End	40	LF	\$75.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000		
Single Gate - 4'	1	EA	\$2,000	\$2,000.00		\$2,000		
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Double Gate - 6'	1	EA	\$6,500	\$6,500.00		\$6,500		
<b>MISC</b>								
Handrails at Ramp	32	LF	\$100	\$3,200.00	\$3,200			\$10,167
Prefabricated Greenhouse	1	LS	\$4,000	\$4,000.00		\$4,000		
Metal Plot numbers	53	EA	\$60	\$3,180.00	\$767	\$2,413		
Interpretive Signage	9	EA	\$300	\$2,700.00	\$1,200	\$1,500		
Traffic Routing - Phase 1	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000			
Traffic Routing - Phase 2	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000.00		\$5,000		
<b>SITE FURNISHINGS</b>								
Picnic Table	1	EA	\$3,750	\$3,750.00		\$3,750		\$0
Wood Bench	1	EA	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000		
Bulletin Board	1	EA	\$6,500	\$6,500.00		\$6,500		
Trellis at Gathering Space	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000.00		\$10,000		
<b>SUBTOTAL PHASE 1 BASE BID</b>								
								\$199,377
<b>MOBILIZATION 5%</b>								
								\$9,969
<b>TOTAL BASE BID CONSTRUCTION COST</b>								
								\$209,346
<b>CONTINGENCY 10%</b>								
								\$20,935
<b>Soft Costs (design, project management, etc.)</b>								
								\$62,804
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</b>								
								\$293,084



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## Park Service Area Manager Review Form

Park Service Area (PSA) Managers are responsible for the maintenance and operation of regional and neighborhood parks as well as trails and open space. Applicants must review their project with their PSA Manager prior to submitting an application. A map of Park Service Areas and contact information is available at [parks.sfgov.org/cof](http://parks.sfgov.org/cof).

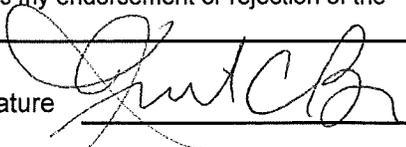
Project Information			
Park Name	Geneva Mini Strip	Park Address	Corner of Geneva Delano Ave
Neighborhood	Cayuga Terrace / Outer Mission	District	47
PSA Manager	Kristin Bowman	Telephone	831-6325

PSA Manager comments/questions for applicant:
excellent proposal / vision
PSA Manager comments/questions for RPD Operations/Capital/Planning regarding plans for future park improvements.
- outside bench - concern for maintenance / issues vandalism

### PSA Manager Checklist

- Proposed project complements or is consistent with the existing use of the park or open space
- Proposed project contributes and/or enhances the visitors experience
- Proposed project complements existing plantings and does not contradict, infringe, or otherwise negatively impact existing ecological system

By signing this form, I acknowledge my awareness of this project application at the above stated park. The applicant has provided me with an overview of the project and I understand that this project may be selected for funding. My comments and signature are advisory and should not be interpreted as my endorsement or rejection of the application.

Name (please print)	<u>Kristin Bowman</u>	Signature	
		Date	<u>9/9/10</u>



# District 11 Council

127 Granada Ave. San Francisco, CA 94112  
415-584-1521

June 25, 2010

To: San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission  
McLaren Lodge  
501 Stanyan St.  
San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: Proposed Community Garden at Delano and Geneva Ave.

Dear Commissioners;

The District 11 Council, (an organization representing 14 Individual community associations and service organizations), wishes to go on record in support of a new proposed community garden on city owned property at Delano and Geneva Avenue, located near the Balboa BART Station.

Our recent monthly meetings have served as community forums to discuss development of this parcel of land. The location has been under the jurisdiction of RPD for a number of year but undeveloped for public use. Through a thorough process of community meetings, which have included broad outreach, we have arrived at a very promising plan of action. Marvin Yee of RPD has produced a plan incorporating the community's requested changes: a widened Geneva Avenue sidewalk with 5 added trees, a park like gathering spot in the central public garden area, 52 plots including many angled plots, a picnic table, Decomposed Granite along garden pathways and bark mulch on steps, an outside bench at Delano, metal picket fence (less surface for graffiti) along street and the residents' edge of the garden as well as solar lighting amenities. We have requested that Marvin contact the Geneva Ave. Transportation planners so that we are all in agreement about other transit issues along the outside of the site. Our meeting welcomed comments from Capt. Cassanego of Ingleside Police Station about various safety issues to incorporate into the design. District 11 Supervisor, John Avalos and staff attended the meetings and shared with our group possible funding options and grant opportunities for some of the proposed projects. Funding for development of the project is not currently in the RPD budget but it was felt that some work could be done in a step-by-step basis in the next 6-8 months. A motion to send a letter to the Rec & Park Commission in support of the design plans by the Council & Community members for the Community Garden at Delano and Geneva was unanimously passed.

Best regards,

Mary C. Harris, President



City and County of San Francisco  
Recreation and Park Department

McLaren Lodge In Golden Gate Park

501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117

TEL: 415.831.2700 FAX: 415.831.2096 WEB: [www.parks.sfgov.org](http://www.parks.sfgov.org)

May 27, 2009

Ms. Martha Arnaud  
783 Cayuga Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94112

Dear Ms. Arnaud:

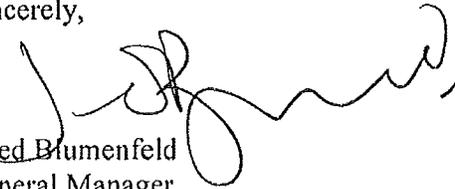
The Recreation and Park Department is pleased to receive your request, with evidence of public support, to re-establish a community garden at the Geneva Avenue Strip.

It is my understanding that the surrounding community and supporters are seeking the Recreation and Park Department's initial support in order to apply for grant funds toward the goal of proposing a gift-in-place to the City. A gift-in-place proposal should consist of (1) a proposed plan supported by the community and Recreation and Park Department through a public process and (2) funding, or funding strategy, to cover all costs associated with the development of a community garden, including but not limited to construction documents and construction. A gift-in-place proposal is ultimately subject to action by the Recreation and Park Commission.

With the understanding described above, the Recreation and Park Department is pleased to indicate initial support for the community's application of grant funds to develop a community garden at the Geneva Avenue Strip.

Please feel free to contact Neighborhood Service Area Manager, Eric Andersen at 415.831-6818 or Landscape Architect, Marvin Yee at 415.581-2541 for information or assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Jared Blumenfeld  
General Manager

cc: Dennis Kern, Director of Operations  
Rhoda Parhams, Capital Programs Manager  
Eric Andersen, NSA Manager  
Marvin Yee, Landscape Architect

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Mayor Gavin Newsom  
Interim General Manager Jared Blumenfeld

Member, Board of Supervisors  
District 11



City and County of San Francisco

JOHN AVALOS

April 1, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of restoring the community garden along "Geneva Strip," a Recreation and Park Department owned lot, located at the corner of Delano and Geneva Avenues. I believe that revitalizing this garden would greatly improve the environment in the neighborhood.

This overgrown lot was once a vibrant garden, well used by the community. It is located on a busy thoroughfare, close to Balboa Park BART Station, along the route of several transit lines, and in close proximity to schools. A community garden at this location would help to make positive public use of an abandoned lot and would beautify the area, bringing a great benefit to area residents.

I believe there has been ample community outreach on this project, as evidenced by the letters and signatures of support. I urge you to approve establishment of this community garden, and I look forward to working with all the parties involved on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Avalos".

John Avalos  
Supervisor, District 11

# District 11 Council

127 Granada Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
415-584-1521

May 2, 2009

To: Jared Blumenfeld, Acting General Manager, SF Recreation and Parks  
Department  
McLaren Lodge & Annex  
501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

CC: Marvin Yee, Community Gardens Program Manager, RPD Capital  
Improvement Division  
CC: Eric Andersen, Manager, RPD Neighborhood Service Area 5

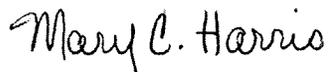
Dear General Manager Blumenfeld:

We are writing to express our support for a Community Garden at the Geneva Strip, (located on Geneva Ave. between San Jose and Delano Avenues) and to encourage the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to grant its official approval. We understand that this is a necessary prerequisite before The Geneva Community Garden group can seek grant funding to clean up the overgrowth and trash and to install a garden at this location .

The District 11 Council was established in 1999 as an umbrella group representing 14 separate community based neighborhood groups and service providers. We met with Martha Arnaud at our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting; where we reviewed the planned project and voted unanimously to send a letter of support.

The Geneva Strip is the property of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. The lot was once a garden, but it is now an overgrown and trash-strewn eyesore. This effort to reinstate a Community Garden on this property has grown from a large base of local community interest in beautification and revitalization of our neighborhood, and we enthusiastically support this effort.

Sincerely yours,



Mary C. Harris, President

# Community Garden Support Letter

**Subject:** Community Garden Support Letter

**From:** Sme314@aol.com

**Date:** Sun, 10 May 2009 23:32:04 EDT

**To:** arnaudm@att.net (Martha Arnaud)

**CC:** NABBY@COMCAST.NET, MOUSECOLLECTOR@MSN.COM, LKE@SBCGLOBAL.NET, Griddle62@aol.com, TylerDavidson@comcast.net, nanieadult@comcast.net, josie@feastofweeds.com, John.Avalos@sfgov.org

May 10, 2009

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld, Acting General Manager  
SF Recreation and Parks Department  
McLaren Lodge & Annex, Golden Gate Park  
501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Re: The Geneva Mini Strip Community Garden

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cayuga Improvement Association, I am writing to express our support for a Community Garden at the Geneva Mini Strip, and to encourage the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to grant its official approval, which is a necessary prerequisite before the Geneva Community Garden group can seek grant funding to clean up the overgrowth and trash and to install a garden at this location.

The Cayuga Improvement Association was established in 1937 with the primary purpose of promoting civic improvement and the betterment of the general welfare of our district and city. Our policy is nonsectarian and our neighborhood is ethnically and economically diverse and is located in the Outer Mission District of San Francisco. Our boundaries extend from Onondaga Avenue to Sickles Street and from Highway 280 to Mission Street.

The Geneva Mini Strip, which lies within the boundaries of our association, is a lot located at the corner of Delano and Geneva Avenues. It is the property of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. The lot was once a beautiful garden, but it is now an overgrown and trash-strewn eyesore. This effort to reinstate a Community Garden on this property has grown from a large base of local community interest in beautification and revitalization of our neighborhood, and we enthusiastically support this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon M. Eberhardt, President  
Cayuga Improvement Association

CC: Mr. Marvin Yee, Community Gardens Program Manager, RPD Capital Improvement Division  
Mr. Eric Andersen, Manager, RPD Neighborhood Service Area 5

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# FACE

Friends and Advocates of Crocker Amazon and the Excelsior  
98 Newton St.  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
415-585-8005

May 4, 2009

To: Jared Blumenfeld, Acting General Manager, SF Recreation and Parks  
Department  
McLaren Lodge & Annex  
501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

CC: Marvin Yee, Community Gardens Program Manager, RPD Capital  
Improvement Division  
CC: Eric Andersen, Manager, RPD Neighborhood Service Area 5

Dear General Manager Blumenfeld:

We are writing to express our support for a Community Garden at the Geneva Strip, (located on Geneva Ave. between San Jose and Delano Avenues) and to encourage the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to grant its official approval. We understand that this is a necessary prerequisite before The Geneva Community Garden group can seek grant funding to clean up the overgrowth and trash and to install a garden at this location .

FACE is a community booster club. We are very active in promoting community based projects in District 11, particularly in the area of parks and open space. This property has been on our meeting agenda's for years, as a potential garden and green space. We are so delighted that Martha Arnaud has stepped forward lead this project. Through our newsletter and networking skills we will assist her efforts in securing the needed volunteers for this project.

The Geneva Strip is the property of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. The lot was once a thriving truck garden, but it is now an overgrown and trash-strewn eyesore. This effort to reinstate a Community Garden on this property has grown from a large base of local community interest in beautification and revitalization of our neighborhood, and we enthusiastically support this effort.

Sincerely yours,



Linda Stark Harte, Steering Committee, Chair

**NEW MISSION TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Telephone and Tele-fax 415-584-7444

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9 May 2009

Jared Blumenfeld  
Acting General Manager  
San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department  
McLaren Lodge & Annex  
501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Dear General Manager Blumenfeld:

We are writing to express our support for a Community Garden at the Geneva Strip, and to encourage the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to grant its official approval, which is a necessary prerequisite before the Geneva Community Garden group can seek grant funding to clean up the overgrowth and trash and to install a garden at this location.

The New Mission Terrace Improvement Association is the neighborhood association representing 1,400 homes in the area bordered by Alemany Boulevard, Highway 280, Tingley Street, and Ocean and Onondaga Avenues.

The Geneva Strip is a lot located at the corner of Delano and Geneva Avenues. It is the property of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. The lot was once a garden, but it is now an overgrown and trash-strewn eyesore. This effort to reinstate a Community Garden on this property has grown from a large base of local community interest in beautification and revitalization of our neighborhood, and we enthusiastically support this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Tenenbaum  
President

CC: Marvin Yee, Community Gardens Program Manager, SF RPD  
CC: Eric Andersen, Manager, SF RPD Service Area 5

# Excelsior District Improvement Association

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

P.O. Box 12005

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94112-0006



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Jared Blumenfeld, Acting General Manager, SF Recreation and Parks Department  
McLaren Lodge & Annex  
501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Dear General Manager Blumenfeld:

I am writing on behalf of the Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA), a neighborhood non-profit representing residents of the Excelsior district. The EDIA would like to express its support for creation of a Community Garden at the "Geneva Strip", and to request the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department grant its approval for the project to go forward, which we understand is a necessary prerequisite before the neighborhood garden supporters can seek grant funding and/or other resources to clean up the overgrowth and trash and to install a garden at this location.

At our recent April meeting, the EDIA membership voted unanimously to support creation of a community garden at this site. The Geneva Strip is a parcel located at the corner of Delano and Geneva Avenues. It is our understanding that it currently is owned by or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. The lot was once an informally maintained garden, but for many years now has been a chain link fenced, overgrown eyesore. I believe you may have visited the site on a recent bicycle tour. The effort to create a community garden on this property has arisen from a diverse mix of local community residents desirous of transforming this highly visible and woefully neglected publicly owned space into a use that will beautify the parcel and add much in demand community gardening space to our seemingly underserved part of the city. We hope you will do your best to facilitate this request.

Sincerely

Robert Katz  
Member, Board of Directors  
Excelsior District Improvement Association

CC: Marvin Yee, Community Gardens Program Manager, RPD Capital Improvement Division

CC: Eric Andersen, Manager, RPD Neighborhood Service Area 5

CC: Sup. Avalos

CC: Linda D'Avirro

Date: 5/10/2009





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## Application Checklist

- Project Overview Form
- Menu Form (if applicable)
- Budget / Match Commitment Form Documents
- Project Narrative (Menu: 1 page max / Custom: 3 page max)
- Map / Site Design
- Park Service Area Manager Review Form

Name (please print) MARTHA ARNAUD

Signature Martha Arnaud

Telephone 415 587-0304

Date 12-September 2010