

# Excelsior District Improvement Association

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Jared Blumenfeld, Acting General Manager, SF Recreation and Parks Department  
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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

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