



SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

April 20, 2022

Members of the Parks and Recreation Board:

The San Diego Parks Foundation is writing to offer its strong support for Item 101, the Bayside Community Center proposal to amend the General Development Plan of the Linda Vista Community Park to allow for the construction of a community garden. As a project partner, we are inspired by how this exciting project will benefit the local community.

The project would convert an unused dirt patch at the corner of the Linda Vista Community Park into an active green gathering space for community members. The garden will increase equitable access to green space; increase the availability of fresh, healthy produce in the community; and create a space for outdoor educational workshops.

Linda Vista is a community that has less than 3 acres of park per 1,000 residents and is in need for additional green space and improved park facilities. The Linda Vista Community Garden would increase access by improving the safety and walkability of the Linda Vista Community Park, making it more visually appealing, and creating a space for recreational gardening activities.

The San Diego Parks Foundation is proud to partner with the Bayside Community Center on this exciting project, and believes it is strongly aligned with community needs, as well as other park improvement projects that the Parks Foundation is working on at the Linda Vista Community Park such as the revitalization of the playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, and other park facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions and/or comments, please contact me at katherine@sandiegoparksfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine Johnston