



Dear Kristin

October 31, 2016

Thank you for attending and speaking at the October 2016 Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association meeting. As was evident from the tone of the meeting, many neighbors were concerned about the possible sale of the City surplus land currently being used for the Sunnyslope Community Garden. I think everyone was aware the property was for sale, but it had been on the market for so long that we had developed a false sense of security with the garden. In the four years the garden has been in operation, it has been a resounding success with growth in the number of active gardeners as well as the number of educational and community programs conducted through the garden. The use of this property has become an example of community cooperation with the City and a source of community pride.

The Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association voted unanimously at the October 20, 2016 meeting to request your Urban Development stop all efforts at marketing this property and that it be removed from the City's surplus list. The Association's goal is to seek a long term solution for continued use as a community garden. The small loss of revenue from the sale of the property would be more than offset by the value of the garden to the community and the City.

I have included several of the comments the Association received that speak to the value of the garden and its role in the community.

Thank you again for your attendance at the Neighborhood meeting.

Alan Alexander, Chair,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Alexander', written over the typed name.