

July 17, 2023

Mr. Loren Olsen, Account Manager - Enhancements
BrightView Landscape Services
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Re: NHCA BrightView Community Garden Partnership (Year 2)

Dear Mr. Olson,

This letter is to again acknowledge and commend Brightview Landscape Services and your personal commitment, along with that of your staff, for the tremendous achievement that you made in enhancing our NHCA Gateway Garden & Pavilion and the Firestorm Memorial Garden. Your dedicated efforts and professional knowledge to cull gardens of inappropriate vegetation and create healthy growth areas has made a marked improvement.

It would not have been possible for a group of inexperienced volunteers to attempt to manage or make the tremendous progress accomplished during your recent work in these areas. This much needed additional work was necessary to pull the garden into manageable shape. **The NHCA gardens have never looked better.**

We face a constant threat of another devastating fire that would impact much of the Oakland Hills. Our focus for the **Gateway Garden** is to showcase appropriate drought tolerant vegetation that are less likely to create the beginnings of a fire ladder that could extend into the tree canopy and adjoining homes that would create a catastrophic conflagration, while our focus at **Firestorm Memorial Garden** is to commemorate those lost in the 1991 Oakland fire. Your efforts have helped us achieve these goals. These gardens are true community gems.

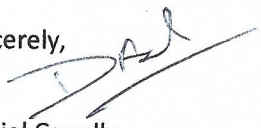
We particularly want to acknowledge the planning that BrightView undertook to accomplish this task for Year 2 of our NHCA garden program, along with your dedicated hard work to help us plan and develop a more sustainable long-term program that would work for both gardens. **Great garden progress has been made in just two years!**

As a way of acknowledging your efforts, we propose to update our NHCA website to publicly acknowledge your company's support of our community gardens, which are accessible to all members, as well as our Summer '23 Garden newsletter also noting BrightView's efforts www.northhillscommunity.org.

In addition, we would like to cordially invite you, your crew members and their families to our Annual Ice Cream Social at Gateway Garden on Saturday, August 19, from 1-4pm. Please see our garden event flyer attached.

Thank you again for your partnership, and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,



Daniel Conolly
Chairman
North Hills Community Association

cc: Karine Stuimer - Senior Vice President, BrightView Landscape Services
Miquel Navarro - Senior Branch Manager, BrightView Landscape Services
North Hills Community Association Board of Directors