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Dear Ms. Chair Brackett and Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of The East Cut Community Benefit District (The East Cut CBD) to express my strong support for the approval of the Essex Community Garden PTE Term Extension. As a resident of Natalie Gubb Commons in The East Cut neighborhood and one of the newest members of The East Cut Community Garden, I am an advocate for spaces that promote well-being and provide access to nature. For the past three years, The East Cut Community Garden has supported underserved community members, offering them a space to express themselves through gardening activities. For this reason, I encourage and support The East Cut CBD's request to continue the operation and maintenance of the garden.

In conclusion, I urge the OCII Commission to approve the extension of the PTE term for The East Cut CBD's use of the parcel. The garden has proven to be a positive force in the betterment of Essex Street and the overall East Cut community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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Subject: Letter of Support for Approval of the Essex Community Garden PTE Term Extension

Dear Chair Brackett and Commissioners,

I am writing as a 15-year resident of The East Cut, a founding board member of The East Cut Community Benefit District (The East Cut CBD), a Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee member, and an associate member of The East Cut Community Garden. I am deeply committed to the vitality and well-being of our neighborhood, and I strongly support the approval of the Essex Community Garden PTE Term Extension.

The East Cut Community Garden has been a cherished space that enhances the beauty of our neighborhood, fosters a sense of community, and provides essential access to nature. Over the past three years, it has given neighbors a green space in the heart of Downtown to connect, grow, and express themselves through the art of gardening.

As someone who has been closely involved with The East Cut CBD since its early days, and as a new gardener, I can attest to the positive impact the Essex Community Garden has had on our neighborhood. It has become a cornerstone of our community, promoting well-being and improving the quality of life for many residents who've visited the garden as guests and the gardeners themselves, which include several residents of the neighboring affordable housing apartment, Rene Cazaneve.

I urge the OCII Commission to approve the extension of the PTE term for The East Cut CBD's use of the parcel. The garden's continued operation and maintenance are vital to the community's sustainability.

Thank you for your dedication and stewardship of The East Cut's development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katina Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Katina Johnson
Founding Board Member, The East Cut CBD

Associate Member, The East Cut Community Garden