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Dear Chairwoman Chan, Supervisor Dorsey and Supervisor Sauter,

My name is Barbara Wenger. I am the Founder and Executive Director Emeritus of CommunityGrows, a nonprofit dedicated to cultivating healthy youth through garden-based education in low-income, diverse communities. CommunityGrows began its work by caring for and building community gardens in three neighborhood parks: Hayes Valley Playground and Clubhouse, Rose-Page Mini Park, and Daniel E. Koshland Community Park. I played a role in the original construction of Koshland Park in 1976, founded CommunityGrows in 1994, and helped lead the park's second renovation in 2000. I also served as project manager for the Western Addition Peace Wall surrounding Koshland Park, completed in 2007, and retired in 2017.

I am writing in support of item #7 on the January 14th Budget and Finance Committee Agenda--to approve the grant agreement and accept and disburse the grants that will fund improvements to Koshland Park.

* Koshland Park, a local gem of a park, beloved by the community, is 50 years old. The last major renovation of this park was over 25 years ago

* I support the proposed, much needed improvements for the park and community garde, including improved ADA access along the main pathway, providing new playground and basketball court surfaces, access improvements to the community garden, and new

community garden and park fencing.

* The improvements proposed for Koshland Community garden, which will improve visibility, ADA access, safety, and increase gardening space, are essential.

After nearly 50 years of living near, advocating for, planning, and working in Koshland Park, this park remains close to my heart. It is truly a gem and community treasure that deserves to be nurtured for future generations.

I respectfully ask that you approve the grant agreement and generous grants from the Geballe Family and Trust for Public Land that will allow this project to proceed!

Thank you for your consideration and support for Koshland Park.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wenger, Founder, and Former ED
CommunityGrows