

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion only if CultivaLA commits to significantly improving the maintenance of both the interior and exterior perimeter of the garden. As a resident who lives just three blocks away and frequently passes by, I've observed ongoing issues with debris and litter outside the site. I've personally submitted 311 service requests for graffiti removal on nearby trees, transportation boxes, and the sidewalk. Unfortunately, despite hosting events, CultivaLA has not consistently followed through with cleanup. For example, last Halloween they distributed pumpkins—but left the unclaimed ones to rot inside the garden for weeks. I also want to raise a concern about site safety. I know this space sat vacant for years due to soil contamination, and I wonder how safe it is to operate a garden there—even with raised beds. Before moving forward, I would like to see a report confirming that the site has been properly cleared and deemed safe for community use. Community spaces should reflect care, transparency, and respect for the neighborhood. I urge CultivaLA to take responsibility for the upkeep of their site and to ensure it meets safety standards so it can truly be a source of pride for our community. That said, I would like to thank CultivaLA for taking on the challenge of activating this long-vacant space. With the right care and accountability, it has the potential to become a vibrant asset for Pico Union. Aurora Corona Pico Union Lifelong Resident