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Hello

I got your contact information from the Mission Greenway vs. DBI BOA matter. We have been emailing folks that we have taken note of in the various documents available publicly for this hearing.

In your case, I noticed you have been a resident of the Mission District since 1978 and that you want to preserve as much open space as possible due to the density housing that continues to be developed throughout the city.

For what it is worth, I too am a neighbor and have lived on 23rd and Capp St. for 17 years and in SF for 27 years and counting. And I want to assure you that we have no intention of locking out the community by taking ownership of the parcel. We are only trying to secure our use and improve the lot in terms of the lack of maintenance the land has been subjected to for years. We believe including open space and the community as part of these efforts is totally doable and not mutually exclusive. In the short time we have occupied the warehouse we have: replaced a roof on the building, picked up trash in the entire railroad spur, cut grass, weeded, added gravel to improve drainage and tried to replace a busted cyclone fence with a iron fence that the SF Planning Department called "an upgrade".

My intent in emailing you is to start a conversation with actual neighbors of the parcel to hear their concerns directly and to explain our interests and how we think we fit into the community. We want to get away from the vilifying propaganda we and most likely you have seen about our company via the Greenway group. We want to address the community directly to move forward constructively and with diplomacy. We are pro-community, pro-greening and pro-inclusion. We believe there is a way to share space and accommodate for our needs as well as yours the community and to do so in a respectful and empathetic way. Including community green space along with our use of the land is totally doable from our perspective.

Not sure how much you know about Monkeybrains but we have been in business in SF for 25 years and provide low cost Internet access to any resident or business in the city. We also provide free Internet to over 8000 units of subsidized housing via a joint program with the mayor's office of housing. During the pandemic we partnered with City and County to provide emergency free Internet to COVID testing facilities, COVID vaccination facilities and COVID isolation centers for the homeless. We love our community and are resolute in support of our great city especially during a time of need

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Given that you live so close to the parcel, we would love to hear your input and any concerns you may have. I can meet you for coffee or simply meet on the land to chat about this and to move towards a solution. Please let me know if you have any interest in this, and I will make my self available to you.

all the best,
-amen

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