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Dear Potrero Gateway Park: The Loop Project,

Since 1961, the Russian Gospel Temple Church has been serving the community at its 2233 17th Street location. There have been many changes to the neighborhood during that time. Most recently there have been two significant changes: 1) new residential construction is adding to the number of people living in the neighborhood and 2) lack of maintenance funding has led to unsafe conditions in the 101 freeway right-of-way that is very close to the church.

In light of these changes, we were very happy to help our local neighborhood organization, MUNA, as they worked to develop a plan that would improve the freeway right-of-way property. We hosted four community meetings so that our neighbors could participate in a planning process to change the freeway right-of-way with the objectives of re-landscaping the area and opening it up for positive use by the community.

The result of these meetings is a conceptual plan that includes features like a living wall, micro-businesses and meadow grassland. We want to express our support for this conceptual plan and we look forward to being involved as it moves from a plan to reality.

Thank you.

Russian Gospel Temple Board Members

