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To whom it may concern:

My name is Pete Shields and I am a Sergeant with the San Francisco Police Department. I have worked in the police department for over twelve years; ten of which were devoted to the Mission District.

While working in the Mission District, I have become very familiar with the Fallen Bridge Park, located on Utah and 18th Street. I, along with other police officers, have responded to this park (and the surrounding area) on calls of prostitution, drug use, robberies, car boosting, and home burglaries. There was a direct correlation between the dilapidated park and crime in the area.

The neighbors banded together and formed the MUNA Neighborhood group. This group has worked diligently with the police department and other agencies to reduce crime in their neighborhood.

An important aspect in further reducing crime and deterring unwelcome activity is improving the park from its current state to a more family friendly environment. Ideally, this would be an area for children to play, picnics, well light areas at night, and less conducive areas for graffiti.

The MUNA Neighborhood group would be a well deserving recipient of a grant to improve much needed repairs for the community park. I have worked closely with this group and can attest to their dedication and commitment that the grant will be used for the good of the community.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Sergeant Pete Shields #1924

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