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To: DDA Board of Directors
From: Austin Colson – Community and Economic Development/DDA Director
Date: October 17, 2025
RE: Proposal Received–Sale/Development of DDA-Owned Parcel 27907 California Dr.

Background

In response to the DDA's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the sale and redevelopment of the DDA-owned parcel at 27907 California Drive, the City has received a proposal from Suburban Sown, a community-focused farm and nursery venture.

The proposed project aims to establish a native plant nursery and educational farm that will cultivate native plants, herbs, and fruit trees while offering community workshops and hands-on environmental education opportunities. The concept emphasizes sustainability, biodiversity, and neighborhood engagement through a design that integrates growing space, educational programming, and habitat restoration

Project Summary

Fully funded by a private investor with potential for additional grant support (\$5,000–\$15,000).

Key Site Features:

- 2,100 sq. ft. greenhouse
- 400–500 sq. ft. office and processing building
- Outdoor community teaching garden and seating area
- Fencing, irrigation, and native landscaping improvements

Community Benefits:

- Promotes sustainable land use and beautification boarding DDA district
- Provides educational programming and community workshops

- Supports local biodiversity and stormwater management improvements

Next Steps

This proposal is being presented to the DDA Board to gather feedback on both the sale of the property and the proposed project concept. Following board input, staff will coordinate next steps regarding due diligence, potential sale terms, and review of the applicant's financial documentation.