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Dear Concerned Community Member,

I write this letter in protest to the recent destruction of the Garten Rosa Rose in Berlin-Friedrichshain.

In June 2007, I had the pleasure of touring the Berlin-Friedrichshain district with a community gardener. I was impressed at the commitment of this woman and her fellow gardeners to not only take responsibility for the health and physical appearance of their community but also encourage others to do the same. That experience had a profound effect on my perception of Berlin as a whole; in every conversation I have had with people about our travels since my return home, I have praised the positive impact these gardeners have had on their community and held them up as a model worthy of imitation.

My husband and I are in the process of writing a play that focuses heavily on the work of these gardeners in your community. We love happy endings and thus urge you to change your policy and allow the Garten Rosa Rose gardeners to resume their care of the community center they established on the property.

As we all contend with the global struggle to create signature communities that support the needs of every individual, the model established by the community gardeners in Berlin-Friedrichshain has the potential to stand out as a success story. I look forward to hearing more about your participation in that effort.

Sincerely,

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