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# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

**I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.**

**Are you completing this submission:**

On behalf of a group or organisation

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

400

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**Your Submission:**

To continue Supporting Community Gardens and the development of new community gardens as stated under the "Growing Communities Together" policy. I would like the council to give no less than 21 year leases to Community Gardens. I also support the council in their funding of gardens coordinators and associated staff.

I would like this to be done as the most productive and healthy gardens are those which do not have the termination dates hanging over their heads. Long term horticultural planning is essential to well designed and attractive community gardens. These attributes enhance the success of community gardens whilst supporting community participation and encouraging basic life skills.

In the supporting of staff for these spaces to a level where gardens are open 7 days a week will reach an increasing number of employed people struggling to access basic life skills and participate in community activities.

This should be done as the demand for horticultural knowledge and the space to grow vegetable has increased in the last 5 years and particularly in the last year with the rising cost of fresh vegetables and the lack of space to grow sufficient fruit and vegetables for household needs.

**I would like the council** to designate areas inside Rawhiti domain for community use. There is an ample supply of recreational and sporting facilities in the Burwood/Pegasus ward. Cowles Stadium and QEII are two. Rawhiti Domain still hosts a number of community groups such as the Silver Band, Saint Johns Ambulance and Scouts the New Brighton Community Garden is allowed to operate as "recreational gardening" however as we start to strategically a line with other council initiatives such as creating New Brighton as a centre for arts and crafts part of the revitalisation project. In meeting the councils strengthening communities outcomes teaching basic

life skills and reducing isolation we are finding a need for space to achieve these objectives. Simply put we would like to utilise vacant buildings for community classes and events. We also encourage the council to support the other community groups that are currently established. For these groups in turn support diverse cultural and social needs. This should be done as there are very few sufficient community spaces in New Brighton. Linwood has an Arts and Cultural Centre and Shirley has a community hall with a potters workshop, Aranui has a diverse range of revitalisation projects and support. It would be great to support New Brighton, North Beach and Southshore as a creative and environmentally focused place to live. Currently there is no community space to achieve this.