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Lynette – Can we add this to our discussion items? Thanks, Rachel

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Dear Director Flynn, Mr. Miller and Mr. Harlan,

Eighteen years ago the expansion of Alliance metals was approved, via a CUP, despite community and local businesses concerns. Today our worst fears are a frightening reality - one that most of us do not dare walk by. We need your help to reverse this mistake.

This business provides a substantial portion of the cash needed for our growing open drug markets, generates tremendous amounts of illegal dumping, and directly helps create an all around hazardous environment in our community.



*During a recent community clean up of this area we collected over 20 hypodermic needles around Alliance Metals. Our kids find them on the street all the time.*

Fitzgerald Park, across the street from Alliance has become a buzzing center for all things illegal. Prostitution, assaults, loitering, drug use and sales take place on a 24/7 basis.

**It is a well known fact that the best heroin in West Oakland  
can be bought across the street from Alliance.**

But this is not all. Alliance metals is not in compliance with their CUP. They do not have the promised parking, security, landscaping, noise abatement and the facility is filthy. We have a severe vermin infestation for hundreds of feet around this facility - the unpleasant smell is also a 24/7 nuisance.

We need your help. We would like to have Alliance Metals CUP revoked. Our community has suffered for over 20 years from the careless business practices of this entity and the time to put a stop to it is now.

We are prisoners in our own homes. Our kids can't play outside, our elders must find a way around to walk to the grocery store and our property values remain unfairly stagnant.

Please let us know how we can work with you to solve this issue.

Sincerely,

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