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**Stakeholders + Neighborhoods Initiative (S+NI) receives grant from Knight Foundation and Silicon Valley Community Foundation for Gardner Community Center market research.**

S+NI has received a \$75,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The grant will be used for an independent market research analysis of the Gardner neighborhood's needs and programs for the Gardner Community Center.

The Gardner Community Center is being re-imagined so that the programs, space, and activities will reflect how the community wants to use the space and take advantage of new resources that the center will be offering. To get this input, S+NI has hired InterQ, a neutral research company to prepare a comprehensive market research report based upon the input of the community. InterQ will host six in-person focus groups at Gardner Community Center – 2 conducted in English and 4 conducted in Spanish. A broader survey will follow the focus groups.

As stated in S+NI's mission statement: S+NI reimagines community engagement through neighborhood leadership. By uniting the neighborhoods with existing and new stakeholders, we can work together to achieve beneficial outcomes for everyone. S+NI doesn't believe in pushing one neighborhood's problem onto a nearby neighborhood.

Quite simply, we are everyone's neighbor and we bring solutions that work to a complex process.

Councilmember Dev Davis, "I want to thank the Knight Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation for providing grant funding for S+NI to assess the needs of the Gardner neighborhood. Their market research

report will help the city better understand the programs and uses needed at the Gardner Community Center.”

S+NI would like to echo Councilmember Davis thank you to Knight Foundation and Silicon Valley Community Foundation for their support of the Gardner neighborhood.

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