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To the Mayor and the City Council:

Whether innocently or by design, the city's proposal to create a wedding venue and beer garden in and next to the old fish hatchery building in Riverside Park uses as leverage the free labor of dozens of volunteers who maintain the beauty of the adjacent International Friendship Gardens. It is the beauty and serenity of the gardens that are surely intergral to the business plan of the proposed wedding venue. There is a history in the gardens of wedding parties being photographed amid the beauty of the blooms. The city should carefully consider whether volunteers will be willing to offer their labor as a subsidy to a commercial venture, especially one that promises to disrupt the tranquility of the place they care about as a public place, open to all.

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