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letter of support for REAPS financial request of \$100K

Please accept this as a formal request to fully support REAPS application for funding assistance in the amount of \$100,000 in-kind / monetary for the construction of their Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden.

The City placed REAPS in a difficulty position when they were forced to vacate the space with very little notice at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park which they had occupied for more than 25 years. This space provided the delivery of their educational and outreach programs and events. It was a space that showcased the basics of environmental stewardship in which the community embraced its location and were frequent visitors. I have taken my elementary classes to this garden on several occasions and our vermicomposting worms spent these summer holidays there.

We have long partnered with REAPS and value their many programs for our students. They need a dedicated space to work from and an appropriate garden that is safe for the community to access the learning they offer.

We therefore repeat their request of last August that the City contribute in-kind and/or monetary assistance in the total value of \$100,000 to the initial works needed to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

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