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## Letter of support from Spartan Keyes

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To: "Elizabeth Figueroa, CommUniverCity Team" <elizabeth@cucsj.org>

Cc: Carol Valentine <ccvalentine24@yahoo.com>

Elizabeth,

attached is the revised letter of support for CUC. I hope it is in the PDF format !

Let me know if it needs any modification. Good luck with the proposal!

Rita Torres



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Monday, June 22, 2020

**To:** Board of Directors, Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley

33 Las Colinas Lane

San Jose, CA 95119

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

We write to express enthusiastic support for CommUniverCity's proposal to the Open Space Authority for the Urban Grant Program. With CommUniverCity's help, Downtown youth have an opportunity to participate in activities not in traditional school lesson plans and interact with college mentors in an active and engaging environment. CommUniverCity's project model is unique and their work must continue.

In the Spartan Keyes Neighborhood, there is more dense housing than open space. The neighborhood boundaries do not include a neighborhood school. There is a small pocket park, Bestor Art Park, with a small community garden. The Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Action Center offers an afterschool program. Just across the street from the Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Center, and just outside our neighborhood boundaries, is Kelley Park, a green space oasis for the neighborhood.

In 2017, families on the eastern end of the neighborhood were impacted by the Coyote Creek flood. It was a scary and trying time. We are glad that part of CommUniverCity's proposal includes lessons on the local watershed and that youth will have access to information about the spaces around them, especially the nearby creek. With access to information will come the power to understand why the creek acts the way it does during high water events.

CommUniverCity's work is valuable to the Spartan Keyes community! Thank you for your consideration of their proposal.

Sincerely,

**Rita Torres**, President

**Carol Valentine**, Member at Large

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