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Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA)  
Urban Grant Program Committee  
33 Las Colinas Lane, San Jose, CA 95119

**SUBJECT:** Support for CommUniverCity SJSU's Urban Grant Program proposal, Growing Sustainably

Dear OSA Grant Committee:

The County of Santa Clara Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) would like to express its support for CommUniverCity SJSU's Urban Grant Program proposal, Growing Sustainably. The funding opportunity available through OSA will assist with advancing CommUniverCity SJSU's suite of environmental education programs that will benefit local youth and families in underserved low-income communities of Central San Jose. This aligns with CEPA's mission to prevent, preserve, and improve environmental factors affecting the health and safety of the environment and the community.

We were excited to recently discover CommUniverCity SJSU's, Watershed in a Box education program, a branch of Growing Sustainably, where K-8 students are taught about watershed protection and stewardship through fun and engaging lesson plans. CEPA's Clean Water Program conducts similar outreach at San Martin Gwinn Environmental Science Academy in unincorporated South Santa Clara County and is interested in partnering with Watershed in a Box to further expand and make this education more accessible to other small and underserved communities throughout the County.

We look forward to CommUniverCity SJSU's continued growth and are happy to support the Growing Sustainably program and its goals to continue to provide progressive, innovative, and inclusive environmental education and outreach to the public.

Sincerely,

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Jo Zientek, Director  
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