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Board of Directors
Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley
33 Las Colinas Lane
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Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

This letter is in support of CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably Program grant application to fund a comprehensive sustainability education program for low-income communities in central downtown San José.

The Growing Sustainably Program brings faculty and student interns from SJSU to teach sustainability concepts through hands-on activities to K-12th students and families. These are a variety of projects where participants learn gardening skills; food web; human impacts on the environment; climate change; nutrition; active and healthy lifestyles; age-level science in the context of an on-site school garden; and sustainable behaviors (reuse, reduce, recycle, energy and water conservation).

Veggielution has partnered with CommUniverCity for three years in the Eastside Explorers Program, an event held at Veggielution with children from CommUniverCity's partner schools. This bi-annual field trip to Veggielution's outdoor classroom aims at increasing awareness of environmental impact, food cycles, and appreciation of fruits and vegetables. During the visit, children learn about weeding, harvesting food, adding to and turning the compost bin, and general observation of farm life, while spending time exploring the outdoors and eating fresh fruits and vegetables.

We thank you for your consideration of CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably Program grant application and urge for your support of it as well.

In community,

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