



June 29, 2020

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr. Carol Ann Gittens, Dean of the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California. As a psychologist by training, and a teacher educator by profession, I whole-heartedly endorse the ambition, vision, and purpose of *Imagine That Ventures* as a critically needed socio-emotional learning (SEL) service provider that stands out among others. Through their unique and transformative experiential learning model, *Imagine That Ventures* offers innovative, high quality, accessible, holistic programs that promote synergy with the natural environment and physical world to help individuals of all ages to cultivate resiliency, mindfulness, and emotional /physical wellbeing.

Without reservation I endorse Beth Killough, founding partner of the newly formed *Imagine That Ventures* as an emotional leadership coach, organizational resiliency consultant, and licensed mental health professional. I have known Beth for nearly five years, as a colleague and professional coach. Over the past year Beth has provided essential organizational consulting, highly successful meeting facilitation, training and team building that enabled the faculty and staff of my School to grow as an educational community and respond with new-found resilience throughout the uncertainty and chaos of the coronavirus pandemic. I am thrilled to learn that Beth has partnered with similarly committed mental health practitioners, experiential learning experts, outdoor educators, and conservationists to form *Imagine That Ventures*. Beth deeply understands how the natural environment interacts with our innate mammalian desire for relationship, connection, and community to promote socio-emotional wellbeing and physical wellness. *Imagine That Ventures'* proposed projects and programs, and immersive outdoor experiences resonate with me as an educator and as an elected official where I serve my local community as a school board trustee. The vision for *Imagine That Park* in my home town of Morgan Hill, CA will be a well-received and frequently-visited addition to the local and regional communities of the South Bay area with ample opportunity to grow within this region. Beth Killough has a keen drive to make a difference in the lives of young people and the broader community. With this passion and with the experience Beth and her team bring to *Imagine That Ventures*, I am confident they will be successful in this new community-focused endeavor.

Please accept my sincere support of *Imagine That Ventures*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Ann Gittens".

Carol Ann Gittens, PhD
Professor and Dean, Kalmanovitz School of Education