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Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority  
33 Las Colinas Lane  
San Jose, CA 95119

RE: 2020 Urban Grant Program Application from Smart Yards Education

Dear Friends,

Stone Church is pleased to support the dual grant proposals from Smart Yards Education for both a "small" planning grant and a "large" implementation award from OSA's 2020 Urban Grants Program.

The late Rev. Chuck Rawlings was an esteemed member of our church family and a co-founder of Smart Yards Education (SYE). We are pleased to continue his legacy by supporting SYE's proposal to offer permaculture training courses to low-income residents of San Jose, connecting them to the natural open spaces of Santa Clara Valley and incorporating principles of ecology into their future work — and potential new business ventures — as skilled landscape professionals. We will support this program by helping to publicize it among our congregation and others in our circles of influence.

Thank you for offering this grant funding opportunity, and we look forward to working more with SYE upon their success in being funded.

Sincerely Yours,

Mel Goertz, Clerk of Session

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