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June 11, 2003

Tim Corrigan
San Francisco Bay Program
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Corrigan,

I am writing to express my support for Literacy for Environmental Justice's (LEJ) proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program. We are aware that this funding will be used to construct the Living Classroom, which seeks to educate and inspire residents of San Francisco and the entire Bay Area in the area of urban sustainability, renewable energy, and protection and stewardship of our precious watersheds.

The Department of the Environment currently administers two grants to LEJ. Through the first of these, the Living Classroom, LEJ is constructing the first "off-the-grid" greenhouse and classroom in the City of San Francisco. This building will serve as southeast San Francisco's only environmental education center.

As grantees, we have found that LEJ has the organizational capacity to manage funds responsibly and professionally. Currently, the organization has more than \$1 million in grant funds activated within our agency.

The Department of the Environment is committed to increasing the sustainability of San Francisco and its environment. In particular, the Department has funded many projects focused in the southeast sector of the city including advocacy and education programs, training programs that will lead to economic development opportunities, and capital projects like the Living Classroom.

We at the Department of the Environment fully support LEJ's innovative efforts in youth-community advocacy and positive neighborhood development. We encourage your support of their proposal as well. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld

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Nadine Hitchcock
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I am writing to express the Port of San Francisco's enthusiastic support for Literacy for Environmental Justice's application for funding from the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program. This funding will support construction of the *Living Classroom* at Heron's Head Park. The Living Classroom will not only house LEJ's environmental education programs, it will be a beautiful demonstration of energy efficiency and sustainable building construction. The Port is providing LEJ with use of the property free of charge, and technical support during design, permitting and construction. The Port will also have responsibility for maintenance and repair of building systems and exterior.

We have utmost confidence that LEJ has the organizational capacity to complete this project in a way that will provide the City, and the region with a badly-needed environmental education center. The Port of San Francisco has contracted LEJ to conduct all of the K-12 education programs at the park since July 2000. The park and its programs have been recently recognized for innovative and effective education and community outreach by the Clearwater Award presented by the Waterfront Center, and the Friends of the SF Estuary California Coastal Management Plan Implementation Project award for community participation. The success of current educational programs, the proposed Living Classroom, and the very limited opportunities for environmental education and restoration in the southeast portion of San Francisco create a significant and growing demand and opportunity for environmental education programs at Herons Head Park.

The Port fully supports LEJ's efforts to bring the Living Classroom to fruition and is committed to working closely with LEJ to ensure its success. The Coastal Conservancy provided a substantial portion of the funds used to create Heron's Head Park. We hope that you will extend that support the Living Classroom project. Please feel free to contact me at (415)274-0568 if you need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Bach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carol Bach
Port of San Francisco