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Wendy Butts  
Chief Executive Officer  
LA Conservation Corps  
PO Box 15868  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

**RE: 2016-17 SD1 HILDA SOLIS SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1 COMPETITIVE TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM**

Dear Ms. Butts,

On behalf of the City of Commerce, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the LA Conservation Corps and their efforts to help beautify, and green parks in our City. We fully support the LA Conservation Corps 2016-17 competitive tree planting grant program applications to plant trees in our City. We give permission to the LA Conservation Corps to plant trees in our City and in our parks as a part of this grant. We understand that should this grant be awarded, upon completion of the LA Corps 3 year maintenance plan the City of Commerce will take over maintenance of the trees in perpetuity.

The City of Commerce Parks & Recreation Department has identified 100 possible locations to plant trees. Locations selected have been chosen to increase shade and for park accessibility to our Residents. Many of our parks suffer from low canopy coverage and having this opportunity for our City to partner with LA Corps to increase canopy coverage would be essential to meeting our cities overall greening plan.

The City of Commerce is supportive of urban forestry and is aware of the benefits of trees. Should LA Corps and our City be awarded this grant it would have an immediate impact on the condition of our parks, and the accessibility to shade and beauty for our Residents, our children's sports leagues and parents would be immediately impacted. Children will have shade to play under; parents will have shade to sit under as they cheer on and support their kids. Walking paths, picnic areas and everyday public use sites will improve due to the increase in canopy coverage.

Should you have any questions regarding the City of Commerce support of your application for the 2016-17 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program, please contact Robert Lipton, Director of Parks & Recreation at (323) 722-4805 ext. 2216.

Sincerely,



Jorge Rifa  
City Administrator