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Mr. Robert E. Doyle, General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, CA 94605

RE: East Bay Regional Park District Community Transformation Grant (CTG) application

Dear General Manager Doyle:

I write in support of a grant application submitted by the East Bay Regional Park District's application for a Community Transformation Grant (CTG).

In addition to providing open space, EBRPD has been an active player in preventative health care in the East Bay for 78 years. The district plays a critical role in both the physical and mental wellness of our region and provides substantial benefits toward health and quality of life.

EBRPD has supported the international Healthy Parks, Healthy People (HPPH) initiative – and proposes to lead a multi-sector collaborative – the Get Outdoors! (GO!) network for healthy kids – to further strengthen the relationship between health, education and outdoor activity providers.

The GO! Network brings together Oakland and West Contra Costa County Unified School Districts, Alameda County Office of Education, Oakland Children's Hospital, the U.C. Berkeley Center for Weight and Health, and EcoVillage to improve communities in the East Bay.

Awarding this grant will help reduce health care costs for employers, address chronic diseases before they happen, enhance the quality of life for residents and provide schools additional resources and promotional assets – all of which bolster business and help families in the Bay Area.

As Oakland's citywide councilmember, I am proud to support this important project. Our community will be well-served if it moves forward.

I urge your most careful consideration of this application and hope you or other members of the commission won't hesitate to contact me at (510) 238-7008 if I can be of assistance on this project or others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rebecca D. Kaplan".

Rebecca D. Kaplan
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