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Support for City of Culver City's Application to The Big Jump Project

Dear Mr. Wagenschutz,

On behalf of _____, I would like to express my/our strong support of the City of Culver City's application to The Big Jump Project. <<Insert how bicycling/sustainability/health is connected to your organization's mission.>>

As a small, independent city surrounded by the city of Los Angeles, Culver City has the nimbleness to innovate combined with the ability to influence best practices in the Southern California region. Culver City is in the midst of implementing its first Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, adopted in 2010, and is about to embark on a comprehensive update within the next year. This is a unique opportunity to consider higher quality bicycle facilities as a part of the overall bike network.

Culver City isn't waiting for its master plan update to try out protected bike lanes and push forward with other bicycle and pedestrian initiatives. Last year, Culver City received a state grant to build its first protected bike lane as part of a Safe Routes to School project. The City is expecting to start design and construction in 2017. The City is also exploring another protected bike lane as part of a first/last mile connection to the Metro Expo Line station from downtown and has started a bike share feasibility study. These new projects would add to an existing network of off-street bike paths, bike lanes, and sharrows.

The community is also very proud of Culver City Walk & Rollers, our citywide Safe Routes to School program, which has engaged elementary and middle school students in all of the district's schools for the last four years. We have a strong base of young bicyclists and walkers in need of better connections to school.

Culver City has a lot of momentum behind its bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, but still has a number of gaps in the bike network that prevent more people from riding around our community. I am/We are excited about The Big Jump Project as an opportunity to engage the community about these opportunities and explore more innovative ideas. I/We understand that this is a significant three-year commitment for the City and the community and am/are willing to support this effort throughout.

Thank you for your consideration of this support. If you have any questions, I can be reached at _____.