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Lucia Stone, Community Relations Manager
San Diego Gas & Electric
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Dear Ms. Stone:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the collaborative proposal by Urban Corps of San Diego County and College Area Community Garden to create an organic community garden adjacent to San Diego State University. This project will bring the community together to grow fresh, healthy food while raising awareness about environmental sustainability.

Organic gardening provides a wonderful opportunity to introduce both children and adults to environmental issues ranging from water and energy conservation to recycling waste through composting. The garden will help build a positive relationship between the university and the surrounding community, offering an excellent space for environmental education programs for all ages.

I am confident that Urban Corps' 24 years of experience in environmental projects will allow them to build on College Area Community Garden's vision to create an outstanding garden that will be used by the community for years to come. In addition, the project will provide green job training opportunities and education to low-income, disadvantaged young adults in the Urban Corps program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 236-6699 or by email at martiemerald@sandiego.gov.

Sincerely,

Marti Emerald
Councilmember District 9

