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Gretchen Schubeck Sustainability Coordinator City of Novato 922 Machin Avenue Novato, CA 94945

Dear Gretchen,

Marin Conservation League is more than happy to provide this letter of support for the City's grant application to CAL FIRE for funding to implement a robust urban forestry program.

Marin Conservation League was founded in 1934 and is one of the Marin County's most respected and effective environmental organizations, successfully pursuing its unique mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural assets of Marin County for the public.

As our cities become more dense, urban trees provide a vitally important connection to the natural world, in addition to the obvious benefits of sequestering carbon and providing much needed shade (particularly in Novato!).

Thank you for the opportunity to support the City on this initiative, and we wish you all the best for the grant process.

Sincerely,

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