



Environmental Education and Exotic Wildlife Rescue Center
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Dear Council Member

Happy New Year, and I hope that you had a nice holiday season.

My name is Lili Miller and I am the Director of Events here at STAR Education and the STAR Eco Station. My colleague Melyora Trujillo attended your December City Council meeting and presented our request for city sponsorship for the purpose of banner announcement for our Children's Earth Day event. At the city council meeting we were told that we could apply through the recently implemented grants program but unfortunately the due date had passed (due date was in May 2017 for all events extending until August 31, 2018). Being that this was a new program and different process than in the past, we were not aware of the new program or its deadlines. As a result, we were advised by the city manager's office to reach back out to all members of the City Council to request a special off-cycle city sponsorship for our Children's Earth Day event.

This year is a very special year for us as the Eco Station is celebrating its 20th year and we want to reach as many Culver City residents as possible so that they can participate in this really wonderful event. If you are not familiar, this event integrates educational, recreational, cultural, and social activities that are beneficial to Culver City's residents, especially families and youth. The event takes place on Sunday April 22, 2018, and will include community vendors, learning stations, live entertainment, student performances, eco-station tours, and more. Our request is strictly for city banner representation and not monetary funding.

Moving forward, we plan to apply for future events via your Special Events Grant Program. Nevertheless, we are excited about this possible opportunity to have support from the Culver City City Council with respect to the 2018 STAR Eco Station Children's Earth Day event. If you would like additional information regarding the event, it would be my pleasure to discuss this further with you!

Thank you.

