



FREMONT ARTS COUNCIL

David Graves
Major Projects Challenge Fund
Seattle Parks and Recreation
100 Dexter Ave N
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Mr. Graves:

I'm writing to convey the Fremont Arts Council's support for Volunteer Park Trust's **Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project**.

The Fremont Arts Council is a community-run organization that supports arts and artists. We maintain strong partnerships with government, local businesses, and schools and we are an established and integral part of the Fremont business community. We also have healthy relationships with the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, Fremont Rotary Club, the local Seattle Public Schools and the Fremont Sunday Market.

The Volunteer Park Amphitheater provides a venue for arts organizations from neighborhoods throughout Seattle, including the Wayward Music Festival operating out of Wallingford and Seattle Greenstage in nearby Greenwood. However, the current structure does not meet the needs of Seattle's performance community. It provides no ADA access, no load-in access, no storage, no protection from weather, provides poor access to power, poor acoustics, and the structure makes no attempt to blend in with the Olmsted design of the park.

Volunteer Park Trust has done extensive community outreach to assure that performers, community organizations, neighbors, and the general public have had a voice in the new Amphitheater design. The Fremont-based dance company Whim W'Him has been a significant participant in this process, and the new Amphitheater will one of the few outdoor venues in the entire country to support dance.

The project will create an ADA-accessible, thoughtfully designed, effective performance space that meets the broad needs of Seattle's performing arts community and the concerns of local residents. It will be enjoyed by individuals from all of Seattle's neighborhoods, including Fremont.

We urge you to fund the Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Greenway
FAC Treasurer