



David Graves
Major Project Challenge Fund
Seattle Parks & Recreation
100 Dexter Ave N
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Mr. Graves,

The Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) is writing to express support for Volunteer Park Trust's **Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project** and its application for funding by the Major Projects Challenge Fund.

Representing over 1,300 businesses and nonprofits across our region, GSBA is the largest LGBT and allied chamber in North America. A large and historically significant portion of our membership is based in Capitol Hill and surrounding Seattle neighborhoods. Accordingly, we hold Volunteer Park in special regard due to its historical use by our LGBT community. Volunteer Park has long been a center of Pride celebrations for decades, and together with the Asian Art Museum and Conservatory has hosted countless other important cultural and artistic events to the benefit of us all.

Upgrading the amphitheater will better support the many cultural activities in the Park, including a roof for our rainy climate, proper flooring to appropriately meet professional requirements, an ADA-accessible performance space, and a high-quality space for community events than what is currently available. The Volunteer Park Trust has done extensive and thorough community outreach to assure that so many communities have a voice in its design.

GSBA is proud to support the application of the Volunteer Park Trust to the Major Projects Challenge Fund.

For equality,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Louise'.

Louise Chernin
President & CEO