Dear Mr. Graves:

I'm writing to convey the Associated Recreation Council's support for Volunteer Park Trust's Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project and its application for funding by the Major Projects Challenge Fund.

Volunteer Park is a city-wide destination that draws and supports a diverse cross section of Seattle's population. The new Amphitheater will provide an ADA-accessible, thoughtfully designed, effective performance space that meets the broad needs of Seattle's performing arts community. It will serve as a gathering place for people from all of our city's neighborhoods and for wide range of community groups such as the annual LGBTQ Pride Fest, Caribbean Sea Fest, Eritrean Independence Day Festival, and many others.

The Associated Recreation Council (ARC), in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation, serves Seattle by offering a variety of recreational and lifelong learning programs, classes and activities. ARC, incorporated in 1975 as an independent nonprofit organization, supports this work through the ARC Board of Directors and a system of 36 advisory councils:

- Alki Advisory Council
- Ballard Advisory Council
- Bitter Lake Advisory Council
- Delridge Advisory Council
- Garfield Advisory Council
- Green Lake Advisory Council
- Hiawatha Advisory Council
- High Point Advisory Council
- International District/Chinatown Advisory Council
- Jefferson Advisory Council
- Laurelhurst Advisory Council
- Loyal Heights Advisory Council
- Magnolia Advisory Council
- Magnuson Advisory Council
- Meadowbrook Advisory Council
- Miller Advisory Council
- Montlake Advisory Council
- Northgate Advisory Council
- Queen Anne Advisory Council
- Rainier Advisory Council
- Rainier Beach Advisory Council
- Ravenna-Eckstein Advisory Council
- South Park Advisory Council
- Southwest Advisory Council
- Van Asselt Advisory Council
- Yesler Advisory Council

We greatly hope the Major Projects Challenge Fund will fund the Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Christina Arcidy
Deputy Director