

City of Milwaukee
Steering and Rules Committee
City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Steering and Rules Committee:

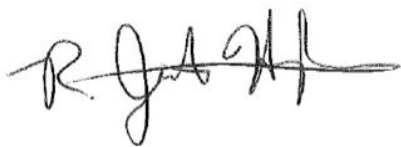
Please accept this letter in support of Escuela Verde receiving their 5-year contract renewal. Escuela Verde is not only a high school, it is a community anchor dedicated to cultivating a more just, sustainable, and peaceful Milwaukee. Their unique model prepares students to become our state's next leaders by focusing on student-led project-based learning, environmental stewardship, restorative justice, and civic engagement.

In my experience with Escuela Verde, I have:

- Worked on the community science fair, Science Strikes Back to bring scientists of all ages and stages of their careers together at Escuela Verde.
- Connected students with community water issues through federal grants such as the Environmental Protection Agency's local environmental education grant program.
- Supported students in participating in environmental stewardship projects in their neighborhoods as well as out of the county.
- Worked with students on residential field trip experiences to broaden horizons and gain additional field science experience.

I enthusiastically support the continuation of Escuela Verde's mission. I look forward to speaking with you should you have additional questions about this recommendation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Justin Hougham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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