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Michigan Municipal League
1675 Green Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Muskegon is grateful to the McLaughlin Neighborhood Association for their efforts to create and maintain a park on vacant land within their neighborhood. The McLaughlin Community Park has consistently provided refuge and a gathering space for an urban core neighborhood which formerly had no city park. As the owner of the property located at 1278 Terrace Street in the City of Muskegon, the city is pleased to offer this letter of support for the, "This is Us" project.

As the Deputy City Manager, I have had the opportunity to see the neighborhood association organize around the goal of creating the McLaughlin Community Park, and I have enjoyed opportunities to share in neighborhood celebrations at the park. The neighborhood has embraced this park, cared for the landscaping, raised funds to make improvements, and maintained it as an inclusive and welcoming gathering space within the community. The requested grant funding will assist the neighborhood in furthering the welcoming and inclusive nature by working with neighbors to design and paint the mural on the new fence.

The city donated the land for the park, provided playground equipment, and regularly supports the neighborhood park with resources for maintenance and repairs. The city is committed to continue to provide assistance into the future.

One of the city's major goal areas is to create an environment that puts an emphasis on improving amenities and investing in the traits that positively affect residents' quality of life and attract visitors. This project furthers the neighborhood's grassroots efforts to improve quality of life for neighbors and visitors, and a Neighborhood Microgrant from the Michigan Municipal League Foundation will be key to the project's success. I highly support the project to install and paint a mural on the fence at the McLaughlin Community Park and look forward to seeing and enjoying the finished product.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 231-724-6944. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeighAnn Mikesell".

LeighAnn Mikesell

Deputy City Manager