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**Subject: Support for the East Bay Regional Park District
Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Application**

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Dear Mr. Doyle:

I am writing in support of the East Bay Regional Park District's application for a Community Transformation Grant (CTG). I commend the East Bay Regional Park District's emphasis on healthy, outdoor activity and green transportation.

One of the key elements which helps make the San Francisco Bay area a healthy and vibrant place to live is the East Bay Regional Park District. Your more than 200 miles of paved trails facilitate healthy alternatives to automobile use such as biking and walking. Additionally, your trails make it easier and healthier for commuters and students to access several East Bay BART stations to sustainably travel throughout the region.

I applaud your leadership role in the proposed, multi-sector collaborative campaign – Get Outdoors! (GO!) Network for Healthy Kids which intends to further strengthen the relationship between health, education and outdoor activity providers. BART is willing to work with the collaborative on enhancing connectivity to our regional transportation system to help reduce transportation barriers which can keep kids from experiencing the outdoors.

Your expansive reach into the education and health care communities through the GO! Network for Healthy Kids will help enhance the wellness and health of the East Bay – particularly in the urban corridors of Oakland and Richmond where many families have limited safe outdoor options.

I support your application and urge the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to give your application favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Grace Crunican
General Manager