



January 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Urban Homestead Foundation's efforts to purchase the property on the corner of 50th Ave SW and SW Dakota St in West Seattle. It's unique location across the street from the largest elementary in Seattle offers an unparalleled opportunity to serve hundreds of children, their families and the surrounding community with access to hands-on outdoor learning. As the owner of Seattle Farm School which teaches workshops throughout West Seattle in various DIY crafts and skills, I experience first hand the growing need and desire for people of all ages to learn these types of skills. However, there are very few spaces available to host workshops that adequately meet these needs. It will be great to have a common multi-purpose space for local organizations to use that will serve our community, create a better quality of life for our citizens and provide a positive place to learn.

The Urban Homestead Foundation is dedicated to preserving and protecting a mature grove of evergreen and deciduous trees and planting an edible food garden and orchard for the community to enjoy and learn from. The property will be a hub of learning and sharing, bringing together all walks of life from all generations. It will support local agriculture, both farmers who bring their produce into the city, and urban farmers who grow their own.

Please generously support this great community building effort, and join in creating a legacy project that will help educate people of all ages, preserve traditional skills, protect the environment and inspire stewardship of our resources.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Stemp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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