



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

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Georgetown Township Board -

I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support to *Wormies Vermicompost* as it pursues a continued lease at 1364 Maplewood Drive. As an elected leader in the City of Grand Rapids, I am committed to collaborating with *Wormies* to develop their vision for community-based composting in West Michigan.

I understand the barriers to land access for farmers as well as healthy food for those less fortunate in our community. I believe Luis will strive to partner and collaborate in effective ways with others in the community, by diverting food scraps from hundreds of households to make healthy compost, providing support to many community garden and area farms, and educating others in the best practices of soil health and sustainable agriculture.

I met Luis several years ago as he was developing his business. He is energetic, passionate and caring for the community. It has been exciting to watch *Wormies* grow and expand. The City of Grand Rapids is hoping to support more and more households participating in composting, and *Wormies* provides an excellent opportunity for our residents to be educated about the benefits of composting and get started.

Wormies is a fantastic startup business and Luis is an excellent leader. Their mission aligns with some of my hopes as an elected leader in the City of Grand Rapids. I can see that this community partnership is essential for the sustainability of the farmland and for the betterment of Jenison and greater Grand Rapids. I am eager to see *Wormies Vermicompost* be able to continue their growth and expansion in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and I would be happy to share my enthusiasm for *Wormies* and hopes for their impact in the region.

Sincerely,

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