



## CITY OF HERCULES

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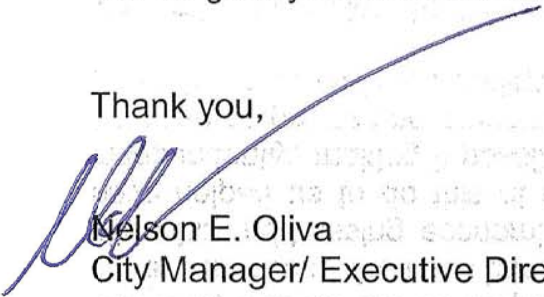
Dear Mr. Weller:

As you know, the City of Hercules has been able to take a leadership role in responsible local government through a strategic, integrated approach to economic vitality, environmental stewardship and community services. The residents of Hercules enjoy value-added services through a synergistic approach that takes advantage of partnerships leveraging city services with community services and nonprofit programs. In addition, our city maintains a strong commitment to foster teen and youth health, wellness, and human development, with increase cultural integration through providing life experiences. We have been able to, with your help; offer these services through the city while addressing economic and environmental concerns at the same time. You have helped us to do this at a fraction of what the cost of managing each program independently, making it possible to bring more to our residents. This type of alliance between programs and organizations is exactly the entrepreneurial problem solving that is key to our city's future vitality.

Your role in creating the Golden Sierra Life Skills program in conjunction with the city's energy and environmental projects showed true vision and leadership. Your efforts to combine the behavioral modification programs with our energy conservation and renewable energy programs were innovative and yet practical. As well, the multi-faceted program demonstrates the true power of public, private and nonprofit partnership.

I would like to thank you, on behalf of the City of Hercules. I am very encouraged that this model will serve as an example to other cities on how more efficiently offer services, and will greatly advance the environmental, social and cultural objectives of the city.

Thank you,

  
Nelson E. Oliva  
City Manager/ Executive Director