

CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

March 7, 2024

Dear Sustainability Leader:

It is with great excitement that I offer a letter of support for One Earth Collective's <u>One Earth Film Festival</u>, the Midwest's premier environmental film festival, which presents its 13th season April 17-23, 2024.

Through art, education and community engagement, One Earth Film Festival draws on the power of film and a robust programming model that fosters thought-provoking conversations and ignites social and environmental action around crucial topics such as climate change, environmental justice, polluted drinking water, the challenge of recycling, extreme flooding, the importance of youth and people-powered movements, and more.

The dialogues and action inspired by the One Earth Film Festival directly complement the work the City of Chicago is prioritizing. Since last year's film festival, we have made tremendous progress. In fiscal year 2024, Mayor Johnson reestablished the Department of Environment and we are committed to building capacity, programs and services that advance the City's bold and ambitious climate and environmental justice priorities.

On behalf of the City of Chicago and Department of Environment, I proudly offer my support for this year's festival. One Earth is a true gem of Chicago for its steadfast work of bringing all members of our communities together to learn, celebrate, educate, and mobilize.

Sincerely,

Angela Tovar,

Commissioner

Chief Sustainability Officer