

CITY OF CHICAGO OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 19, 2022

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 11th season March 4-13, 2022, and with whom we proudly co-present our annual Earth Week Mini Film Fest in April.

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.

Through its 2022 programs, One Earth Film Festival will demonstrate its commitment to the city's powerful new Climate Action Plan being developed this winter through town halls and surveys and finalized in April 2022 — as well as to equity and resilience in the context of our urgent climate challenges.

In 2022, One Earth Film Festival will collaborate with hundreds of partners and sponsors across the city and suburbs. Due to the COVID pandemic, the Festival will be presented virtually, and, if it is safe to do so, at up to 29 in-person venues.

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to express my support for this year's festival, and I applaud One Earth on their continued and steadfast effort to convene, educate and mobilize Chicago communities through acclaimed films and a proven awareness-to-action model.

Sincerely,

Angela Tovar

Chief Sustainability Officer

City of Chicago