



Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 7C07
Government of the District of Columbia
4805 Meade ST NE
Washington, DC 20019

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To whom it may concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Rockefeller Foundation's 2050 Food System Vision Prize application of Wageningen University, and the University of the District of Columbia's College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES).

The Wageningen – UDC CAUSES team is ideally positioned to submit an innovative yet realistic vision of a Regenerative and Nourishing Food Future for communities all over the world. I have been closely involved with the award winning Urban Food Hubs model that CAUSES has developed and that is now in various stages of implementation in four locations across Washington DC. The model combines cutting edge technology, community engagements and a commitment to healthy food, green infrastructure and new jobs in underserved neighborhoods. We also admire the knowledge Wageningen University brings as the number one ranked as university in agriculture and food systems.

As an elected Neighborhood Commissioner in Ward 7 in Washington DC I have also been involved in a visioning process for sustainable and just economic development that Dr. Sabine O'Hara of UDC CAUSES conducted in our Ward and in neighboring Ward 8. This visioning process can now provide the basis for re-envisioning a future food system that is sustainable, resilient, and just and that improves the quality of life of all.

Given the close alignment of my own goals as Neighborhood Commissioner with the goals articulated by the Wageningen UDC CAUSES team, I am delighted to support the efforts of the team and am excited about the vision they have developed. We believe their work will inspire communities all over the world.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for the important work of your Foundation.

Sincerely,

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