



Recreation and Park Commission  
McLaren Lodge & Annex  
501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

April 13, 2007

Dear Commissioners:

Please join me in supporting the Black Rock Arts Foundation's ScrapEden series, bringing neighborhood groups and residents together with local artists to create public art out of reused and recycled materials. The Foundation is working in concert with the Neighborhood Parks Council and the San Francisco Department of the Environment, which awarded the Foundation \$50,000 to support the ScrapEden project. This community-based arts project is an innovative and compelling way to express the power of creative reuse and environmental stewardship.

I am impressed with the connections the Foundation is making with neighborhood groups, community park advocates and local artists to create temporary public art and neighbor-to-neighbor education opportunities through projects in Parque Niños Unidos with the Mission Parents Group, Juri Commons with the Juri Commoners and the Panhandle with the North of Panhandle Neighborhood Association. I hope that the environmental message of this project will resonate with the broader community, as well as San Francisco's large Burning Man community, and will result in increased diversion of recyclables and compostables.

I recognize that San Francisco neighborhood groups look forward to making art together with recycled materials, allowing us the chance to talk with each other about ways to take ownership of reducing our waste stream.

I am pleased that neighborhood groups are working with the Black Rock Arts Foundation, as the Foundation has historically managed several very successful public art installations and has broad connections within the San Francisco Burning Man community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom  
Mayor  
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