

May 29, 2020

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Warren Neth's application to the Sara Ann Bilezikian Sustainability Fellowship

To whom it may concern:

I have had the privilege and honor to work with Warren Neth for over fifteen years on innovative sustainability projects, as a business consultant, and a facilitator. Frankly, I can think of nobody who is more aligned with Sara Ann Bilezikian's legacy, as his life work has been focused on sustainability and with roots in political movements and community organizing.

Warren has an innate ability to work with diverse stakeholders on contentious issues. He has been a champion for sustainability policy and projects in Clark County, and Washington State; for example, with the passing of SB5947 Sustainable Farms and Forests that will help fund farmers to fight climate change. Being able to speak about climate change to conservative farmers can be difficult, and Warren excels at framing issues in ways that people can find common ground.

I first worked with Warren as a project manager with the Northwest Cooperative Development Center, assisting him and his partners to do a feasibility study for a biodiesel production facility. Warren continually helped the group to come back to their sustainability mission, and ensure that the business did not follow the industry model of sourcing from Palm Oil producers in Indonesia. Warren's authenticity in creating a sustainable future is seen in all of his work.

Warren is not afraid to take on big projects, and work in fields that are difficult to navigate with sustainability as a goal. Additionally, I provided business consulting for him on a 3-acre commercial development that endeavors to be a model for net-zero construction, and be a center for community life in an economically struggling community.

Warren is one of my go to strategists for big-picture thinking on the creation of a sustainable future in our region. As a fellow "Greener", I am extremely excited to see what he is going to accomplish with his MPA from TESC.

I wholeheartedly recommend Warren for the Sara Ann Bilezikian Sustainability Fellowship.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Bowman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Bowman