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Dear Jeff,

On behalf of the Community Foundation of San Carlos, I am writing to request a \$40,000 grant from the City.

Since our Annual Report to the Council last fall, the Foundation has continued to meet the needs of our community through support of local nonprofits as well as partnering with residents and volunteers to bring people together. Earlier this month the Foundation was engaged in three major activities, the Week of the Family, Lunar New Year, and the revived Awards Banquet.

This year, we served as the program partner for Week of the Family administering grant funding through the City's Centennial Grant Program. With these funds, the Week of the Family offered 21 diverse activities led by 15 individuals, engaging an estimated 2000 residents. From crafting Valentines for seniors to enjoying meals at local restaurants, families and friends connected through fun and service. We hope to continue this partnership with the Week of the Family, working together to achieve our shared goal of building community.

We also supported local resident Victoria Cheng in organizing a Lunar New Year celebration. Despite inclement weather, Ms. Cheng successfully relocated the event from Burton Park to Devil's Canyon, where an estimated 800 attendees enjoyed performances by local children, including traditional songs, dances, and the dramatic Lion Dance.

The Foundation also partnered with Andy Klein to revive the Awards Banquet, honoring San Carlans of the Year Debbie Denton and Cori Carpenter for their dedicated community service. We also recognized Sandie Nierenberg, founder of Each Green Corner, as our Nonprofit of the Year, and Reach and Teach, owned by Craig Wiesner and Derrick Kikuchi, as our Business of the Year. The event was a resounding success, with nearly 150 residents gathering at Dominico's Winery and Restaurant to celebrate these exceptional individuals and businesses. The evening also commemorated significant anniversaries: 5 years for the Community Foundation, 25

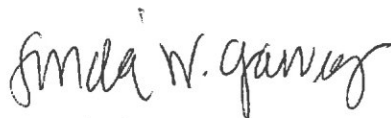
years for the Week of the Family, and 100 years for the City of Good Living, San Carlos. We are grateful for the city's generous sponsorship, which helped to make this event possible.

Entering its fifth year, the Foundation's Board remains committed to effectively and sustainably serving our community. We continually strive to improve our grantmaking to local nonprofits and optimize the allocation of our time and resources for sponsoring and supporting community-building events. We are dedicated to stewarding the \$2 million endowment granted by the city in 2019, and we are pleased to report that we have not only preserved the original endowment but also increased it over the years. As we continue to evaluate our effectiveness as a grantmaker, the Board is currently refining both our grantmaking policies and our community-building event programs.

As an all-volunteer charitable nonprofit, we deeply appreciate the City's support, including the annual grant and the invaluable collaboration with City staff, particularly the Parks and Recreation Department. We believe the partnership between the City and the Foundation has significantly benefited our community by serving our most vulnerable populations, enriching the community through arts and culture programs, and bringing residents together to celebrate our local traditions.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to continue this productive partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda W. Garvey".

Linda Garvey
CFSC President