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Chuck Matthews  
Deputy Director, HHSA  
County Of San Diego

Dear Mr. Matthews,

It is our pleasure to endorse the County of San Diego's Live Well, San Diego initiative. Lux will continue to align our programs with the community at large in ways that support interaction with art and making it more accessible for all ages. It has been proven time and again that art is a healing force and contributes to a healthy well-being via immersion, expression, and interaction.

In addition to making contributions with our arts programs, we are also making a positive environmental impact in the community. The Lux Artist Pavilion is one of the only LEED certified green buildings in the County of San Diego. Reclaimed and locally manufactured materials play a central role in the renovation of our Education Pavilion set to open in early 2014. The Lux grounds set a precedent for sustainable gardening in the region by using native plants that grow naturally without the need for special fertilizers or pesticides, and require up to 50 percent less water. The Lux Nature Trail is one of our outdoor gems where visitors can hike by hundreds of our native plants, including a grove of 15 Anna apple trees called the Garden of Apple Delights. To further our commitment to healthy living, all visitors who ride a bike to Lux enjoy free admission.

We look forward to a continued relationship with the County of San Diego as we expand programs to further our reach in the community with arts education experiences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reese Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Reese" and last name "Shaw" clearly legible.

Reese Shaw  
Director