



University for Peace
The Earth Charter International Secretariat
P.O. Box 138 6100
San Jose Province, Costa Rica

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am pleased to write this letter to confirm the City of Victoria's endorsement of the Earth Charter and the Earth Charter Cities Manifesto.

We are proud to join the many cities from all over the world who have adopted the Earth Charter to act as a guide towards a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world.

The Charter's key principles of global interdependence, sustainability and peaceful coexistence are all shared values held by the City of Victoria. Our city is warm and welcoming, and is committed to fostering a spirit of diversity and inclusiveness for all residents regardless of ability, race, gender, family composition or faith.

The Charter further aligns with the goals and vision we have for our city, and reflects the imagination and innovation that characterizes Victoria as a sustainable capital. The Charter's doctrine supports the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan by facilitating social inclusion and community wellness, demonstrating regional leadership, and taking climate action, which are all key objectives of the plan. As we move to develop our Climate Action Reboot and Climate Leadership Plan, we trust that the Earth Charters hopeful vision for the future can inform and inspire our decision making process.

On behalf of Council, it is with great pride that I write to you today to confirm the City of Victoria's endorsement of the Earth Charter and the Earth Charter Manifesto. It is our hope that the Charters goal of a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world can be realized as we move forward together in an increasingly interconnected world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Helps".

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor