



OFFICE OF MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear Sustainability Leader:

This letter voices my continued support for **One Earth Film Festival**, the Midwest's premier environmental film festival, as it prepares for its milestone 5th annual event in March of 2016.

Using the power of film, well-developed programming, and partnerships with dozens of local organizations, institutions, businesses, and municipalities -- One Earth Film Festival raises awareness about sustainability challenges and solutions, and provides citizens concrete pathways for taking environmental action.

The only event of its kind and reach in the region, One Earth Film Festival has gathered a combined 7,000 attendees since its launch in 2012. During its 2015 event, viewers from 85 zip codes and 6 states were counted among its audiences. Additionally, One Earth Film Festival enacts its mission to raise awareness of sustainability, climate change and the power of people by collaborating with more 150 partners and sponsors, and over 200 volunteers.

One Earth Film Festival grew out of the sustainability-minded towns of Oak Park and River Forest, and has included screenings with partners in neighboring Lake County and DuPage County. Almost half of the Festival takes place in various neighborhoods of Chicago, and it seeks to continue its trajectory of involvement as an environmental leader in Chicagoland and the region.

One Earth Film Festival once again demonstrates its commitment to all seven topic areas in the city's ***Sustainable Chicago*** plan, with the offerings planned for its March 2016 film program.

One Earth Film Festival has become a leader in bringing citizens, filmmakers, and local advocacy groups together — in dialogue as well as action — around a multitude of sustainability topics, in order to bring about concrete and measurable change. As such, the City of Chicago is pleased to express its continued support and to partner with the Festival once again, especially in light of its integration of all topic areas of ***Sustainable Chicago***.

Sincerely,

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