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Sherry Lansing, Chair  
Members of the Board of Regents  
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Robert Birgineau, Chancellor  
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Subject: Gill Tract, University of California, Berkeley in Albany, California

Dear Chair Lansing and Members of the Board of Regents, President Yudof, and Chancellor Birgineau:

The City of Albany and the University of California, Berkeley have enjoyed a cooperative relationship over many decades in providing a home for University graduate students, educating the students' children, and sharing services, facilities, and a sense of community between University Village and other Albany residents and organizations. The Albany City Council is delighted about the prospect of expanding our cooperative relationship with the University of California's academic initiatives in urban agriculture on the University's Gill Tract land adjacent to University Village.

The City Council was pleased to receive the letter dated June 4, 2012, from Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost George Breslauer confirming the University's commitment to meaningful collaboration among the College of Natural Resources and the Albany community on the short-and long-term strategies for the Gill Tract. The City Council's appointed subcommittee of Council Members Peggy Thomsen and Joanne Wile look forward to working directly with College of Natural Resources Dean J. Keith Gilles on immediate plans for this summer and preparation for a fall workshop with the community. This fall workshop in

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particular will be a tremendous opportunity for the University to explore the interdisciplinary potential of urban farming, using the community as a resource and partner to achieve results.

The City of Albany is proud to collaborate with the University of California on urban agriculture possibilities that may lead to breakthroughs in global sustainability, nutrition, and business models that are well-grounded in local interests and needs.

We appreciate the University's outreach to the City of Albany to involve the community in creating partnerships that further shared goals of developing experience, knowledge, and advancements in the emerging field of urban agriculture. We urge the University of California to continue to support the Berkeley campus' forward-thinking and community engagement on a subject of such importance for a healthy society.

Sincerely,

Farid Javandel  
Mayor