



DIVERSE*city*
community resources society

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for South Asia International Expo for Surrey

On behalf of DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society (“DIVERSEcity”) I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the South Asia International Expo for Surrey.

DIVERSEcity offers a wide range of services and programs to the culturally diverse communities of the Lower Mainland. Established in 1978, we have provided over four decades of service assisting immigrants and new Canadians in their integration into their new community. Our services focus on providing services for newcomers, such as settlement and integration programs, language training and literacy, employment and skills training, mental health supports and counselling, specialized programs for refugees, children and youth as well as interpretation and translation services.

DIVERSEcity is excited about the prospect of a South Asia International Expo coming to Surrey. The Expo would provide an opportunity for the South Asian community in Surrey and the Lower Mainland to promote jobs, businesses and economic growth opportunities, as well as increasing cultural and educational experiences, a platform for local artists, and would trigger new ideas and innovation.

The South Asia International Expo would put Surrey on the map just like EXPO 86 did for Vancouver! A South Asia International Expo here in Surrey will attract visitors and tourists from throughout the Metro Vancouver region, Canada and the world. Most of all, this EXPO will be a reflection of what is going on in Surrey with a South Asian population of approximately 40%. Surrey can demonstrate to the world that we build bridges, peace and harmony between the diverse peoples, cultures, languages, and faiths of all by coming together to showcase art, culture, ideas, and innovation while celebrating diversity.

DIVERSEcity is very pleased to offer their support of a South Asian International Expo coming to Surrey. Please feel free to contact me at 604.547.124 or by e-mail at ceo@dcrs.ca if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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