



Shakti Society

Shakti: Empowerment of Women, Children and Families Society

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Shakti Society and as a social worker and community organizer, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Alex Sangha and his proposal for the South Asian International Expo in Surrey.

Shakti: Empowerment for Women, Children and Families Society was founded on the principles of diversity, inclusion and empowerment. These come from the creation of safe spaces to celebrate our culture, our backgrounds and strengths that make the lower mainland and particularly Surrey, a rich mosaic. I see the same values and principles being proposed in the South Asian International Expo to be held in the city of Surrey. This Expo promises to be a great opportunity for the South Asian community in Surrey and the Lower Mainland to foster economic growth and increase cultural and educational experiences for all communities living in and visiting Greater Vancouver.

The South Asian Expo, Sundar, will provide an international platform for local artists and performers. It is particularly exciting for me to see the possibility of the rich culture of South Asia being showcased in an innovative way. This expo will be a celebration of the contribution of South Asians to the growth of Surrey while demonstrating how Surrey continues to evolve and flourish in arts, culture and economy.

As a community organizer, I especially value initiatives that bring people together and build greater social connections. Surrey is my city, I am proud of being its citizen and this exposition will add to all the wonderful things that are happening in this city and are often overlooked.

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Thank you.

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