



OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER
CITY OF HOUSTON
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ANNISE D. PARKER

September 10, 2008

Mandar Apte
Mission Green Earth, USA Team

Dear Mr. Apte:

At the United Nation Millennium Summit in 2000, eight Millennium Development Goals were adopted, one of which is to ensure environmental sustainability. In pursuit of that goal, the United Nations Environment Programme and its affiliates have facilitated the Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign. The Art of Living Foundation, of which you are a faculty member, is contributing to that campaign through its Mission Green Earth Stand Up Take Action project.

I fully support the goal of the Plant for the Planet Campaign, which is committed to plant and care for a total of 7 billion trees worldwide by the end of 2009. To date, the Campaign's website records over 3.7 billion tree planting pledges and more than 2.2 billion planted trees.

I also support Mission Green Earth's participation in that campaign through its goal of planting 100 million trees as pledged by 100 million people. Planting trees reduces global warming, helps remove pollution from the air and protects biodiversity.

The City of Houston is a leader in the planting of trees. We currently have multiple ongoing planting projects, and the Mayor is due to announce a major new initiative shortly. I am proud of the greening of Houston and the role city government is playing in that effort. I hope our efforts can strengthen each other's.

My best wishes for the success of Mission Green Earth and Plant for the Planet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annise D. Parker".

Annise D. Parker
City Controller