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To Whom it may concern

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Newlands, Paparangi, Woodridge, and Grenada Village, and the Newlands Community House and Food Bank, to express our strong support for the funding application submitted by KCA, a voluntary and charitable organisation that plays an essential role in supporting numerous organisations and groups in the Wellington region.

Newlands Community House Food Bank operates as a charitable organisation, primarily relying on the generous donations we receive from KCA as well as the smaller contributions received from our local community. Together, these combined efforts allow us to operate and meet the urgent needs of our community.

The need for our Food Bank service is growing at an alarming rate. As the Food Bank Coordinator, I am seeing an increase in demand, with an average of 100 people depending on us for food assistance each month. In February alone, we have observed a staggering increase of 185 people. This sharp rise in demand highlights the urgent need for consistent and reliable support to sustain our foodbank services.

We are incredibly grateful for the support from KCA, which has been our main source of food assistance since December 2013. Their weekly contributions of vital supplies, including fresh produce, bakery goods, meat, milk, and non-perishable items, allow us to offer well-rounded meals that meet the diverse dietary needs of our community. By providing a variety of nutritious food, we can ensure that individuals and families are not only fed, but are also receiving the balanced nutrition they need to thrive.

KCA is more than just a service; it is a lifeline for both our Food Bank and for many of our residents who face food insecurity. Thanks to KCA's consistent and reliable support, we are able to continuously provide nutritious food to our 135 client families, which consist of 247 adults and 135 children in the Newlands, Paparangi, Woodridge, and Grenada Village areas.

Without KCA's continued support, our small food bank would face insurmountable challenges in maintaining operations and meeting the growing demand for food assistance. The loss of KCA's vital contributions would severely impact our ability to provide essential food to those in need. As many of our most vulnerable residents in the Newlands, Paparangi, Woodridge, and Grenada Village communities rely on our foodbank to make ends meet, the closure of our foodbank would leave them without a critical lifeline. The consequences of losing KCA's support would be felt deeply by those who depend on us.

KCA's work is truly selfless, and they are a cornerstone of support for many agencies. Their tireless commitment to their mission has a lasting and significant impact upon a wide

range of organisations and communities across the Wellington, Porirua, Kapiti, and Hutt regions.

KCA is a true asset, and their dedication to reducing inequality goes far beyond just supporting our food bank. I encourage you to recognize the significant impact KCA has in addressing community needs ensuring that a diverse range of communities across the Wellington, Porirua, Kapiti, and Hutt regions can continue to thrive.

I sincerely ask that you look favourably upon KCA's request for funding to allow KCA to continue serving the many food banks and community groups that depend on their essential service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Wilson

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On behalf of the residents of Newlands, Paparangi, Woodridge, and Grenada Village