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December 16, 2014

**RE: Support Letter for West Valley Pops Band**

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Mayor of the City of Surprise, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the West Valley Pops Band. The band provides free concerts for residents living in Surprise and the surrounding West Valley region of Maricopa County.

The West Valley Pops Band is made up of approximately 100 musicians, who provide high-quality musical entertainment to residents of all ages. Rather than receiving payment for performances, it is customary for the band to request that concert attendees bring non-perishable food items to the concerts as a way to contribute to the band's ongoing cause of supporting vulnerable individuals and families in our community. The band's efforts have resulted in more than 5,000 pounds of food being donated to local food banks that, in turn, have helped more than 300,000 citizens. The City of Surprise is a diverse community that has the fourth-largest number of residents 65 years of age and older (per capita) in the country, according to the Census Bureau. Many of the band members are active older adults, who share their talents by educating others on the significant role that the arts play in one's quality of life.

I recently enjoyed the band's performance during a 2014 Veteran's Day Ceremony that was held in our city. The caliber of talent impressed me so much that I vowed to support their efforts in an effort to spread their musical endeavors, while helping our residents who face emergency human service needs. Please accept this letter of support for their grant application and the funding request that would allow them to continue to provide outstanding musical performances. If you have any questions, please contact me at 623.222.1300 or [mayor@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:mayor@surpriseaz.gov).

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon R. Wolcott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Mayor Sharon R. Wolcott