

Urban Design Commission City of Madison 210 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard Madison, WI 53703

Dear Urban Design Commission members,

I am writing in support of the Olbrich Expansion Project Phase 1. As a botanical garden with an extremely knowledgeable staff, Olbrich prefers to do the selection, design and installation of any plantings required at the completion of a construction project.

Ken Saiki Design is designing the hardscape in collaboration with MSR and Olbrich Botanical Gardens staff. The planting plan will be sustainable, appropriate to the site, and will feature plants that staff know do well in the Garden's microclimate.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is a regional leader in sustainable design and maintenance of landscape – all while presenting an aesthetically pleasing garden environment. Please, do not have any concerns about the quality of the final plantings and landscape design.

Sincerely,

Roberta Sladky

Director, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Cc: Randy Wiesner, Project Manager