



May 20, 2026

Dear Village of Oak Park:

On behalf of C4, we are pleased to provide this letter of recommendation and introduction regarding NeRD and its work supporting on-site solar and energy infrastructure opportunities.

C4 was established to advance climate action, equity, and sustainability across our 16 member communities. As part of our mission, we regularly evaluate emerging projects, technologies, and service providers to identify organizations capable of delivering meaningful value and high-quality outcomes to institutions within our network. We take seriously our responsibility to act as a trusted resource and recognize that organizations within the C4 community rely on us to introduce partners with demonstrated experience, capabilities, and a commitment to performance.

As part of our review process, NeRD was identified as an organization whose experience, project approach, and execution capabilities align with the standards and objectives we seek for institutions within our network. Based on our evaluation, we believe NeRD offers a thoughtful and capable approach to delivering on-site solar and energy initiatives and has demonstrated the characteristics necessary to support successful project implementation.

While C4 does not provide exclusive recommendations and institutions are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence and evaluate all available options, we are comfortable introducing NeRD as a qualified organization that we believe merits consideration.

In the interest of transparency, C4 and NeRD maintain a referral relationship through which C4 may receive compensation if an introduction results in a project moving forward to implementation. This arrangement does not alter our commitment to identifying organizations we believe can provide value to the institutions we serve. Our recommendations remain guided by our mission and our responsibility to our member communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to connect organizations within our network to resources and partners that support long-term sustainability objectives and community impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Cuneen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being more prominent than the last name "Cuneen".

Gary Cuneen, Executive Director,  
Seven Generations Ahead;  
Co-Lead, Cross Community Climate Collaborative (C4)