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To the Berkeley City Council,

We are writing this letter in support of the Berkeley Deep Green Building initiative. Our organization is part of the growing movement to build a local, sustainable, ethical and equitable food system. We have built over 400 edible gardens for families, schools, churches, low-income housing complexes, senior centers, and homeless shelters in the past 6 years. We help families and communities grow their own produce while using the best water conservation strategies, from rainwater catchment to grey water systems and beyond.

Water conservation is critical to environmental sustainability in the Bay Area, even more so now as we face an unprecedented drought. We strongly support the water conservation measures described in the Berkeley Deep Green Building Initiative. As noted in the initiative:

- Re-use of greywater for landscape irrigation has been estimated to offset from 16 - 40% of municipal water use.
- Laundry-to-landscape greywater systems are easy to install, economical, and do not require a permit so long as explicit guidelines are followed.

We strongly encourage the Berkeley City Council to support the Deep Green Building Initiative to ensure a sustainable future for our community.

In Community,
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