

From: **Wati Rahmat** <[watimtl@gmail.com](mailto:watimtl@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, Nov 27, 2022 at 8:53 PM  
Subject: In support of EFCL  
To: <[keren.tang@edmonton.ca](mailto:keren.tang@edmonton.ca)>, <[Michael.janz@edmonton.ca](mailto:Michael.janz@edmonton.ca)>  
Cc: <[city.clerk@edmonton.ca](mailto:city.clerk@edmonton.ca)>, Laura Cunningham-Shpeley <[laura.cshpeley@efcl.org](mailto:laura.cshpeley@efcl.org)>

Hi Keren and Micheal

As City Councillors who I know care deeply about diversity, inclusion and equity, I hope both of you will support EFCL's funding request being brought forth to Council tomorrow.

I have witnessed first hand the impact a community league has on its neighbours when it is able to provide culturally appropriate activities and connections. At Sisters Dialogue, we worked closely with leagues in Bannerman and South Claireview to reach out to newcomers in their respective communities. The success of our programs like the summer playground program and the women's gathering would not have been possible without targeted outreach and insights into communities who are isolated and vulnerable. We provided that important bridge that leagues need to create trust and build relationships.

In order to continue the relationship building we have fostered, and implement the same modality in other leagues across Edmonton, it is important that the EFCL has the resources and capacity to continue this work. A full time staff to support building relationships between Leagues and newcomer/cultural organizations would be critical in ensuring that leagues adapt and transform in line with Edmonton's changing cultural landscape.

I would have loved to speak in support of the EFCL tomorrow, but I hope this email will ensure that my message gets across to yourselves and your colleague on Council.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
Wati Rahmat  
Director, Sisters Dialogue  
780-885-9811



**Amiskwaciwâskahikan, Treaty 6 Territory**

I'd like to acknowledge that Edmonton where I live and work is in traditional Treaty 6 territory and I'd also like to acknowledge the Métis people of Alberta who share a very deep connection with this land.

*“When we identify where our privilege intersects with somebody else's oppression, we'll find our opportunities to make real change.” — Ijeoma Oluo*