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Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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Dear Mayor Helps and members of council,

We write to request the support of the City of Victoria for Team Bellatonia's DiverCity project.

The City of Victoria is a friendly and welcoming place for its citizens and members of the community. As the city grows and expands it welcomes and recognizes people from increasingly diverse communities: immigrants and refugees from other countries and provinces, members of LGBTQ community and a greater acknowledgement of gender fluidity; an increasing respect for our first nations, homeless and people living with mental illness. This increasing diversity in population will require the citizens of Victoria to develop an increasing capacity for inclusion.

Team Bellatonia is a student group from Leadership Victoria and the DiverCity project is our Community Action Project. We plan on partnering with larger organizations within the Capital Region to create a video to be shared online to promote the practicing inclusivity, which will help facilitate social inclusion and ultimately empower members of the community.

We would like the Mayor and Council to provide us with a letter of support which we can share with our community partners and demonstrate the City of Victoria's shared value of inclusivity.

Kind Regards,

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