

**Dear Sprout Fund,**

I am writing to express City of Play's Support for Mark Rauterkus' *Play C.L.O.H.* project. City of play is dedicated to organizing and promoting alternative recreation and Mark's proposal to integrate digital learning with real-world athletics falls perfectly within our mission. City of Play will happily create digital badges to increase opportunities for young people to engage with the city through constructive recreation. Furthermore, City of Play will provide in-kind consultation on the integration of digital and real-world play. Although we have focused primarily on developing playful opportunities for adults, we acknowledge the value of youth (especially teen) centered programming. As students get older, their opportunities to play well diminishes. We believe that play is essentially a state of mind that encourages curiosity and discourages fear. Through *Play C.L.O.H.*, students of various backgrounds may approach new activities playfully and find themselves interacting in more diverse social networks. We are especially aware of the cultural and social divide between athletic sports and technology design. We hope that *Play C.L.O.H.* will help bridge that gap, and we will do anything within our power or budget to support Mark's effort.

City of Play enhances interactions between people, places, and ideas through play to support healthier, happier, and more fulfilling lives.

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