

June 25, 2019

To whom it may concern,

Re: Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society

We are pleased to provide this letter of support for Sher Vancouver.

Sher Vancouver successfully applied for grant funding in 2017, 2018 and 2019 for their award-winning documentary film *My Name Was January*. This film was a tribute to January Marie Lapuz, and served as a catalyst to raising awareness and promoting dialogue around the struggles facing transgender women of colour. The film was screened at numerous film festivals as well as locally at Douglas College, and went on to win 12 awards and over 42 official selections at film festivals around the world.

Alex Sangha, through Sher Vancouver is now embarking on his second film, entitled *Emergence*, which will be about the strengths and struggles of LGBTQ South Asian people in Metro Vancouver reflecting on their coming out journey and the reactions of their parents.

Sincerely,



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