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To Whom It May Concern:

## GOLD COAST HINDU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

As Gold Coast City Council's representative for Division 4, I wish to offer my support for the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association in building the "Gold Coast Hindu Education and Cultural Precinct".

The Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) aims to build the "Gold Coast Hindu Education and Cultural Precinct" to foster cultural activities, classical literature, music, dance, spiritual & language education and a place of worship. The proposal is ambitious but they aim to provide all the above services with the support of the Federal, State and Local governments, other institutions and the general community. This community based project needs substantial support in the form of financial and other help to achieving their objectives.

As the Division 4 Councillor, I am happy to say that the GCHCA is privileged to get the support from the Gold Coast City Council with their generous donation of land in a prime location in Arundel to build the Hindu Education and Cultural Centre. However, this is subject to the GCHCA demonstrating its financial capacity for the full development project. I understand that the public has already donated over \$120,000 and further support is pledged, including commitments from prominent philanthropists.

The GCHCA project will contribute to creating and supporting a diverse and vibrant society with more fulfilled lives. In this Asian Century the GCHCA activities will not only enhance facilitating the local economy but also broaden the understanding for prosperous and creative communities. The association intends to provide a range of community service to every Australian: including providing a free food service for less advantaged people, free legal advice facility (periodic), free counselling service etc.

Not only the general Gold Coast community but inter-state and international visitors, tourists and students will also benefit from the GCHCA activities. I support the GCHCA in striving to achieve such an innovative goal and encourage you to extend your support in whatever way possible.

Yours sincerely

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