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Through this document, **Fridays For Future València** expresses its interest in the project "Tinc una palla a l'ull", presented by Mr. Pablo Quintana.

After careful examination of the documentation provided by project promoter, and added to the background of the Citizens Initiatives Pavilion of the Expo of Zaragoza 2008 and the V Meeting of the "Network of Construction with straw" held in Valencia in October 2018, Fridays For Future València considers the project and the associated sustainable development goals to be of **great public utility**, having been backed by the UNESCO Valencia Mediterranean Centre on July 23, 2019.

The project aims to give value to the use of rice straw in sustainable constructions and avoid its burning, making the project a referent in sustainability and ecological footprint.

The socio-cultural activity proposed for the construction of a multi-purpose space with the participation of all social groups, highlighting those most in need of decent housing and social inclusion, promotes partnerships in the construction of an environment in the pursuit of the sustainable development goals of the 2030 agenda of the United Nations, preserving the quality of the waters of the Albufera and improving the air we all breathe. Environmental pollution causes more than 800,000 premature deaths every year on the European continent. The reduction of CO₂ emissions from the burning of 75,000 tons of straw per year in Valencia is a key objective of the project.

The Country Irrigation Court of Valencia has highlighted in its support letter of April 11, 2019, that the author of the project has achieved **a social peace agreement** between farmers, environmentalists and neighborhood associations.

It is in the interest of the author to promote a circular economy which leads to decent employment for vulnerable women and persons with disabilities of all kinds, as well as for unemployed youth, and give priority to promoting the construction of straw schools and social housing in public works contests.

This project is of the greatest interest to Fridays For Future Valencia, due to the existence in Spain of thousands of unsustainable prefabricated classrooms for more than 15 years.

Fridays For Future València urges the public institutions of this community to give their full support to the project, to make this community an exemplary referent of respect for the environment and social collaboration among the groups committed to the project.

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on behalf of the Fridays For Future València assembly