

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

Hello, my name is Gavin McCormack and I am a Grade 8 student at our local school. I am writing to you because I am deeply interested in making our communities more sustainable and livable, which aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities. I hope to gain some insights from your successful initiatives during your tenure as Governor of California, which significantly advanced sustainability.

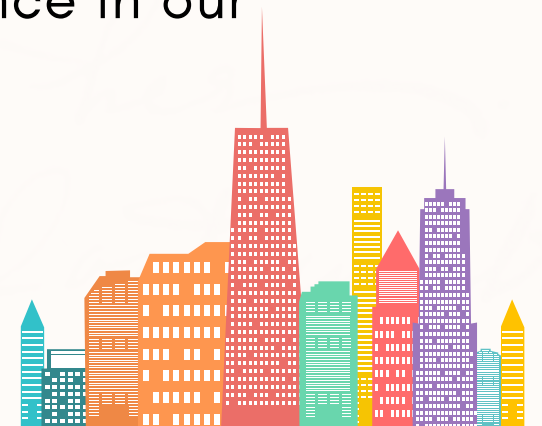
During your governorship, you implemented groundbreaking environmental policies. Inspired by your leadership, I am eager to learn how I could help my community embrace similar sustainable practices. As Nelson Mandela once said, "It always seems impossible until it is done." I believe that with the right guidance, we too can achieve remarkable progress in sustainability.

I also recall your emphasis on the power of innovation to drive change, echoing John F. Kennedy's words: "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." This inspires me to take initiative in my community to foster environments that are not only sustainable but also inclusive and resilient.

Could you please share advice on initiating effective sustainability projects for cities? How can we, as young students, contribute to making our urban areas more environmentally friendly and supportive for all its residents?

Thank you for considering my letter. I look forward to possibly hearing from you and applying your advice to make a tangible difference in our community.

Yours sincerely, Gavin McCormack





# Ten Tips to Write a Letter that Includes Historical Quotes

- **Start with a polite greeting:** Address the person formally using titles like "Governor," "Mr.," "Ms.," etc., followed by their last name.
- **Introduce yourself:** Begin by telling a little about yourself, like your name, age, and where you go to school. This helps to make a personal connection.
- **State your purpose:** Clearly mention why you are writing the letter. Are you seeking advice, reporting a problem, or suggesting a solution?
- **Be specific about your topic:** If you're writing about an SDG (Sustainable Development Goal), specify which one and explain why it is important to you. This shows you've done your research.
- **Include personal insights or experiences:** Share your own experiences or thoughts related to the topic. This adds a personal touch and makes your letter more compelling.
- **Use quotes or sayings:** Adding a quote from a famous person can strengthen your argument. Make sure the quote is relevant to your topic.
- **Ask questions:** Pose questions to engage the reader and express your curiosity about the topic. It shows you are looking for dialogue, not just sending information.
- **Be polite and respectful:** Even if you disagree with policies or actions, remain respectful in your tone. This increases the likelihood of a positive response.
- **Thank them in advance:** Before closing your letter, thank the person for their time and consideration. It's polite and shows you appreciate the opportunity to communicate.
- **Close formally:** End with a formal closing like "Yours sincerely" followed by your name. If you're writing on paper, leave space to sign your name above your printed name.