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To Whom It May Concern:

We, Local Contexts, of 240 Greene St., New York, NY, United States, provide this letter of support to Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) and their application for a Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) in the ICANN gTLD Program: 2026 Round. Local Contexts is a nonprofit organization focused on supporting Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSov) and cultural authority.

Our organization, Local Contexts, supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a pathway to give expression to Indigenous peoples' worldviews, wellbeing, and endeavors in a valued and trusted manner.

We are active in the community whereby we:

- serve Indigenous communities across Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Cook Islands, Colombia, Ecuador, French Polynesia, Guatemala, Sierra Leone, and the United States by providing training, resources, and tools to uphold and recognize their sovereignty;
- are part of the growing global IDSov movement since our inception in 2010, and have collaborated with local, national, and international organizations and forums to: advocate for and create standards around the provenance of Indigenous data (IEEE, TDWG, GBIF); embed Indigenous rights within digital infrastructures (Library of Congress, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research); and provide practical tools for community-driven Indigenous Data Sovereignty strategies (Indigenous Data Exchange, Indigenous Data Alliance).

TKR is a well-respected advocate of IDSov, rights, and interests in Aotearoa New Zealand and across Indigenous communities worldwide. TKR has become an exemplar model for responsible and responsive Indigenous data management. We support TKR's application, which will advance Indigenous aspirations.

Sincerely,



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