



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Mitch Varela
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Dear Mr. Varela,

We met you while you were out walking in the community and we understand you do quite a bit of walking here. Because of your dedication to walking in Santa Fe, because walking is a great way to cut back on fossil fuels and improve our personal & environmental health, we at the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) are proud to present you with the 2016 CCLI Conservation Award.

The Conservation Award is meant to honor people in our community who are leading by example in their daily lives and who are going above and beyond the call of duty in conserving energy and water. Walking is a great way to save energy, and the less fossil fuel energy we consume the more water we save. The conservation award comes with the enclosed plaque and a check which you deserve and should use as you wish. The other half of the financial prize, the seed grant portion, will be used to encourage walkability in our City Different.

The more walkable our community is, the more we have sidewalks and trails running in and out of all Santa Fe neighborhoods, not just the east side of town, the more our residents embrace walking and other alternatives to driving, the more livable, environmentally friendly and sought after our city will become. So let's keep up the pace!

Thank you Mr. Varela for keeping up the pace and setting such a nice example to our community.

Sincerely yours,

Robb Hirsch
Executive Director & Founder