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We will have peace on Earth when we have peace with the Earth.

THE HONORABLE ANNE HIDALGO

Place de l'Hotel de Ville
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Re: Congratulations to Paris

Dear Mayor Hidalgo:

Greetings from the Normandy Chair for Peace!

We write to congratulate and commend you and your Team for making Paris a model city for the present and future generations. Paris - the birthplace of modern democracy - is a thought leader of great cultural mind-shifts.

Road Sharing

Your efforts to expand the city's bicycle network to 650 kilometers is by itself quite impressive. Your efforts to transform 300,000 square meters of idle urban space into food gardens is, to say the least, admirable and noble.

This is especially important in the face of the climate emergency that will hit us on the face after this pandemic. Your examples are showing the world the possible pathways of imagination and innovation. These pathways do not just solve the multiple challenges of human hunger, health, waste, social isolation, and the hot gases that we are pumping out into the air. Your efforts do not just solve these problems. It will make the problems *dis-solve*.



Paris - one of the world's most sparkling cities –adopted a fashionable way of moving around - pedal power: biking and walking. It is an excellent example of how the world can move forward to a kinder and better future.

Paris is again leading this multi-dimensional mind-shift. This time, Paris, under your leadership, is leading a transformation from the culture of crass commercialism to a culture of caring and sharing.

Food Gardens

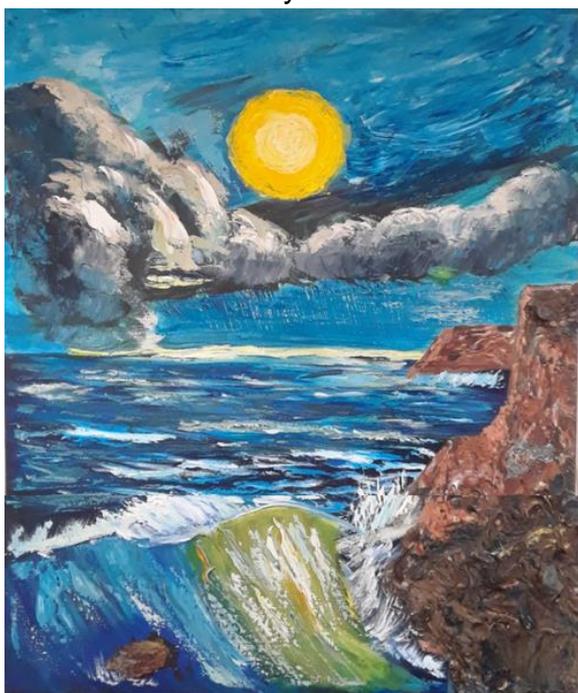
Light attracts light. When we shine our own light, we give others the courage to do the same. To complement your project, the [Parisculteurs Initiative](#), Agripolis is creating the [largest rooftop food garden in the world](#). Such an impressive feat was made possible with your encouragement and support. Through these projects and your own, Paris is growing. It is growing not with more buildings and roads of dead concrete. Paris is now actually growing ... fruits and vegetables. *Bravo!*



Through the positive energy of the Paris City Hall, others are encouraged to be more happily ambitious. Anything is possible when we shine for each other. The picture above is the design for the largest rooftop food garden in the world.

Plan Velo

Also, your bike network plan, Plan Vélo, is an effort worthy of the highest recognition. You removed space for cars and made the space open for people. Paris is well on its way to becoming a most people-friendly city. Paris is encouraging her people to move, to use their bodies, and to enjoy the beautiful world around them. Like the Parisians, we eagerly await Season 2 of Plan Vélo. We are very excited to see *Ville Du Quart D'Heure*—a city where everything can be reached within 15 minutes on a bicycle.



Above the wild waves,
The heavy rains and dark clouds of
Today's crisis of Life on Earth
Is the Golden Sun of Hope.

New Economy

The story you are telling through your great efforts is a part of the New Economy. This new economy shifts from reckless extraction and mindless consumption to a new world of caring and sharing.

This new world is where we humans will care for the life-sources of Land, Air, and Waters (LAW) of Life. Also called the CPR Economy, this does not rape and ravage the Land, Air, and Waters of Life. Instead, livelihoods and economic activities will be focused on nourishing and nurturing Life on Earth. "The nature of business must be the business of Nature."

Incidentally, your efforts also address many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely Goal Numbers: (2) Zero Hunger, (3) Good Health and Well-Being, (10) Reduced Inequalities, (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (12) Responsible Consumption and Production, (13) Climate Action, and (17) Partnerships.

Mayor Anne Hidalgo, your efforts to transform your city— a magnet of world visitors - into a model city of the present and the future is truly praiseworthy. It will have maximum ROI throughout the world – *Ripples of Impact*.

Many will see that the impossible has been transformed into a piece of a wonderful world. Anne Hidalgo, your work is a shining example that the world must know about -- to inspire and set human hearts on fire. In the midst of the world's raging storms, the unfolding story of pretty Paris is a lighthouse of hope.

On behalf of grateful people of the present and future generations — Thank you.

Merci beaucoup!



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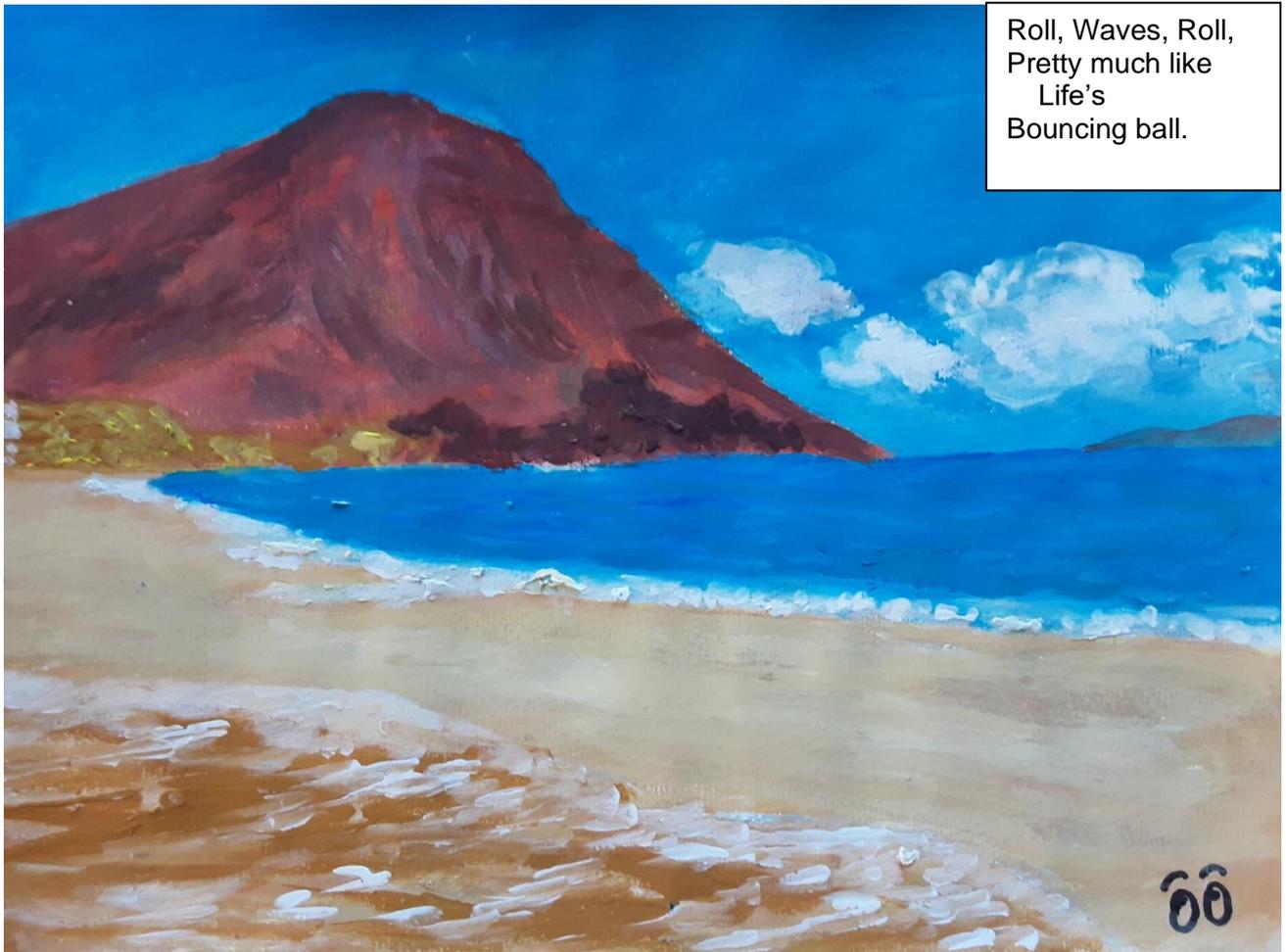
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Roll, Waves, Roll,
Pretty much like
Life's
Bouncing ball.