



*Azalea Park  
Neighborhood Association*

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California Endowment Officers:

This is a support letter for the Building Healthy Communities Initiative in City Heights. The Azalea Park Neighborhood Association (APNA) is dedicated to improving the lives of its residents and strongly endorses the efforts of the Initiative to improve the health, and the systems that deliver it, of the children and families of City Heights.

APNA works with the Recreation Department in the neighborhood parks, the Police Department on safety issues and graffiti eradication, the schools for children services and enrichment programs, and individuals as requested. Our work in the canyons and with community FaceLift creates a more healthy and livable community. We have an association officer who welcomes new residents. A monthly newsletter delivered door-to-door that announces the next meeting and updates residents on local news and happenings. We have a lively website and computer updates on a web FLASH newsletter in mid-month. We arrange neighborhood parties to better know each other. Our activities already support Initiative Goals 2,4,5 and 7.

Our monthly meetings (second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Azalea Park Recreation Center) are open to everyone. After an update on the status of the Health Communities Initiative at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting this month, the group requested that I continue to be involved to the extent I am willing and keep the association informed on its progress. As a volunteer organization it cannot ensure staff time or other resources. I, however, am willing to commit time to act as a liaison to APNA and assist in coordinating efforts with City Heights groups for the planning process.

Sincerely,

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