



CITY HEIGHTS

Community Development Corporation

April 22, 2009

Kevin O'Neill, Acting Director, Mid City CAN
Colin Matthewson, Chairperson, Mid City CAN Coordinating Council

RE: Letter of Support for the California Endowment "Building Healthy Communities" Initiative
Planning Process in City Heights

Dear Kevin and Colin:

I am writing on behalf of City Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) to confirm our support for the planning process that is being undertaken in City Heights for the California Endowment Building Healthy Communities Initiative.

CHCDC participated in the site visit by California Endowment in November 2008 and has participated in subsequent community meetings on this initiative since the designation of City Heights as one of fourteen communities selected to participate in this exciting opportunity. We are fully aware of the objectives and outcomes desired for the planning process and I intend to participate in that process. I have enclosed our application to participate in the Oversight Committee that is being constituted to assist you in the submission of the response to the RFP for funding of the 9 month planning process.

As the application outlines we see five of the ten outcome areas in which we are doing relevant work that can contribute to the planning process and the objectives outlined. To the extent that the programs we have listed are supported with sufficient resources, we intend to participate in the planning for those outcome areas and will be encouraging volunteer leaders to participate. .

We would hope that the planning process budget will provide for extensive community engagement and we would be able to participate in that with dedicated and experienced staff working with community and economic development staff that are allocated to programs such as resident self sufficiency, neighborhood enhancements and mobility and infrastructure improvements.

CHCDC has an established Economic Opportunity Center co-located with its program offices. The meeting space and access to our computer center and data and mapping systems and some printing facilities would be available to the initiative.

Please let me know if we can assist in any other ways.

Sincerely,


Jay Powell, Executive Director

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