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Re: Letter of support

The Consensus Organizing Center is in full support of Mid-City CAN serving as the lead agency in responding to the California Endowment's request for proposal regarding their new initiative, Building Healthy Communities. Mid-City CAN has been rooted in the neighborhood for many years and have the ability to reach out to the many diverse communities who live in City Heights.

We understand this planning process will be for 9 months to create the framework for the ten year plan, and the ten year framework will modify to meet the changing needs of the community. We also understand that the ten year process will address the ten outcomes defined by The California Endowment.

If the Consensus Organizing Center is chosen to help in the planning process for the Building Healthy Communities initiative a percentage of time from Jen Henry, MSW, program manager, will be spent on this project. We can further expand on the exact percentage of time once a more defined role in this process is developed. Because this is a work in progress, I wanted to mention as a community based organization working with City Heights youth, we currently address three of the outcomes stated by the California Endowment through existing programming. These programs are strong and have been working with Hoover High School for almost ten years.

It is an honor to be a part of such a grand process in any capacity to further develop and support the City Heights community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions,

My best,

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