

COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY CLINICS

April 15, 2009

Colin Mathewson
Coordinating Council Member
Mid-City Community Advocacy Network
4275 El Cajon Blvd., Suite 101
San Diego, CA 92105

Dear Mr. Mathewson,

On behalf of the Council of Community Clinics, I support the Mid-City Community Advocacy Network (Mid-City CAN) to serve as the applicant for the 9-month planning grant under The California Endowment's *Building Healthy Communities* Initiative.

The Council of Community Clinics (CCC) is a health center controlled network consisting 16 members operating over 90 sites throughout San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties. CCC's mission is to represent and support community clinics and health centers in their respective efforts to provide access to quality, low-cost healthcare services for low-income and uninsured patients. The CCC has three member health centers operating four sites in the Mid-City region: La Maestra Community Health Centers, Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties, and San Diego Family Care. The CCC encourages Mid-City CAN to work closely with these member clinics to achieve program outcomes and improve the overall health of the Mid-City community.

Mid-City CAN is embedded in the Mid-City area and has the support of both community residents and organizations. I support their application to The California Endowment and will lend support as needed throughout the planning process to improve health systems and the physical, social, economic and service structures that support healthy living and health behaviors in the Mid-City region of San Diego.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. O'Kane
Chief Executive Officer