

**RICHARD A. COLLATO**  
President  
Chief Executive Officer

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Ms. Beatriz Solis, Director  
Healthy Communities Strategies  
The California Endowment  
1000 North Alameda St.  
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Ms. Solis:

The YMCA of San Diego County, a 501© (3) not for profit organization, is committed to be engaged in the planning process for The California Endowment's Building Healthy Communities Initiative planned for the Mid-City area of San Diego California.

Under the leadership of the YMCA of the USA, the YMCA of San Diego County is actively involved in a nationwide initiative entitled "Activate America". The focus of this initiative is to provide programs and activities that promote the fitness and wellbeing of our communities.

The Copley Family YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of San Diego County, has been serving the Mid-City community since 1944. Its existing facility built in 1956 continues to provide health and fitness programs to youth, adults and families.

Our Youth & Family Services Department, also part of our YMCA of San Diego County, was established in 1970 to meet the human service needs of children, youth and families countywide. Its current services include 16 programs designed to prevent child abuse and gang involvement and build healthy families.

The YMCA of San Diego County will provide a representative from our Copley Family YMCA, and a representative from our Youth & Family Services Department to assist in the planning process. I understand and agree to in-kind staff time to be devoted to the planning process.

We support and look forward to being part of The California Endowment's Building Healthy Communities Initiative in our Mid-City community.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Collato  
President & CEO