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November 20, 2014

Maria Gonzalez
President
HACE
167 W. Allegheny Avenue
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RE: Project Name: Casa Indiana
Project Address: 2935-65 N. 2nd Street
Applicant: HACE

Dear Ms. Maria Gonzalez:

I am writing this letter in support of HACE's application to the Philadelphia Housing Authority's RFP # P-004440 Unit-Based Operating Subsidy Program requesting Project Based Vouchers in support of the Casa Indiana Senior Housing Development located at 2935-65 N. 2nd Street. Casa Indiana will provide housing to elderly persons who are currently independent together with the supportive services that they need in order to continue to work and be otherwise actively involved in community activities, socialize and remain self-sufficient for as long as possible. The project will enable individuals to "age-in-place" for as long as possible to reduce the incidence of pre-mature institutionalization of elderly residents of the community, and provide much needed affordable housing options for a section of the city with the largest aging population.

The community will benefit from this development through the creation of decent affordable housing for elderly persons and the creation of jobs for community residents during the development and post development phase of this facility. In addition, a source of constant blight within this community will be eliminated.

As the Councilperson in the 7th District, I depend on the partnership of HACE and the city of Philadelphia as we seek to create affordable housing opportunities for families and seniors. HACE's record on providing quality senior living opportunities in North Philadelphia is unmatched. The proposed site has been vacant and blighted for many years.

We eagerly anticipate the positive impact that this program will have in the community and welcome the opportunity to work with HACE towards the common goal of positively impacting the lives of community residents.

Respectfully,

Maria Quiñones Sánchez
City Council, 7th District



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Dear Ms. Maria Gonzalez:

On behalf of Congreso de Latinos Unidos, I am writing this letter in support of HACE's application to the Philadelphia Housing Authority's RFP # P-004440 Unit-Based Operating Subsidy Program requesting Project Based Vouchers in support of the Casa Indiana Senior Housing Development located at 2935-65 N. 2nd Street. Casa Indiana will provide housing to elderly persons who are currently independent together with the supportive services that they need in order to continue to work and be otherwise actively involved in community activities, socialize and remain self-sufficient for as long as possible. The project will enable individuals to "age-in-place" for as long as possible to reduce the incidence of pre-mature institutionalization of elderly residents of the community, and provide much needed affordable housing options for a section of the city with the largest aging population.

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Founded in 1977, Congreso has evolved from a grassroots organization into a nationally recognized provider of social, economic, education, and health services. We served 15,982 unduplicated individuals in FY14 and 56,100 unduplicated individuals over the last five years. Congreso partners with HACE on many community levels including the annual Feria de Barrio, consultation with housing services and other resident engagement activities.

We eagerly anticipate the positive impact that this program will have in the community and welcome the opportunity to work with HACE towards the common goal of positively impacting the lives of community residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia F. Figueroa".

Cynthia F. Figueroa
President/CEO



TALLER PUERTORRIQUEÑO

El Corazón Cultural Del Barrio
The Cultural Heart of Latino Philadelphia

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Dear Ms. Maria Gonzalez:

On behalf of Taller Puertorriqueño, I am writing this letter in support of HACE's application to the Philadelphia Housing Authority's RFP # P-004440 Unit-Based Operating Subsidy Program requesting Project Based Vouchers in support of the Casa Indiana Senior Housing Development located at 2935-65 N. 2nd Street. Casa Indiana will provide housing to elderly persons who are currently independent together with the supportive services that they need in order to continue to work and be otherwise actively involved in community activities, socialize and remain self-sufficient for as long as possible. The project will enable individuals to "age-in-place" for as long as possible to reduce the incidence of pre-mature institutionalization of elderly residents of the community, and provide much needed affordable housing options for a section of the city with the largest aging population. The community will benefit from this development through the creation of decent affordable housing for elderly persons and the creation of jobs for community residents during the development and post development phase of this facility. In addition, a source of constant blight within this community will be eliminated.

Founded in 1974, Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc. (Taller) is a community based cultural organization whose primary purpose is to preserve, develop and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture, grounded in the conviction that embracing one's cultural heritage is central to community empowerment. Taller is also committed to the representation and support of other Latino cultural expressions and our common roots. Taller offers programs for youth and adults, including seniors, operates an art gallery and bookstore, sponsors a variety of musical and theater events, some in collaboration with HACE, and organizes a wide range of cultural and art education programs throughout the region. With HACE as a partner Taller is working to build a \$12 million state of the art cultural center, soon to be realized, as part of the community wide economic development plan. In addition to partnering to produce festivals and other projects, we have also collaborated in providing art programming for seniors in HACE's facilities.

We eagerly anticipate the positive impact that this program will have in the community and welcome the opportunity to work with HACE towards the common goal of positively impacting the lives of community residents, including seniors.

Sincerely,


Carmen Febo San Miguel
Executive Director

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Dear Ms. Maria Gonzalez:

As the Executive Director of Episcopal Hospital, I am writing this letter in support of HACE's application to the Philadelphia Housing Authority's RFP # P-004440 Unit-Based Operating Subsidy Program requesting Project Based Vouchers in support of the Casa Indiana Senior Housing Development located at 2935-65 N. 2nd Street. Casa Indiana will provide housing to elderly persons who are currently independent, in addition to the supportive services they need to continue to work and be actively involved in community activities, socialize and remain self-sufficient for as long as possible. The project will enable individuals to "age-in-place" for as long as possible to reduce the incidence of pre-mature institutionalization of elderly residents of the community, by providing much needed affordable housing options for a section of the city with the largest aging population.

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Episcopal Hospital was founded in 1852 and has a long history of providing health care services to the North Central Philadelphia community. Episcopal is now part of Temple University Hospital (TUH) and the services we provide are primarily Behavioral Health. In addition, we maintain a very busy emergency department and a small inpatient medical unit on our Campus. We also offer a wide range of outpatient services including laboratory, diagnostic radiology, internal medicine and OB/GYN physician offices. We have worked cooperatively with HACE on many occasions.

We eagerly anticipate the positive impact this program will have in the community and welcome the opportunity to endorse HACE's efforts to positively impact the lives of our community residents.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Barron
Executive Director



**Children's Crisis
Treatment Center**

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Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

On behalf of the Children's Crisis Treatment Center, I am writing this letter in support of HACE's application to the Philadelphia Housing Authority's RFP # P-004440 Unit-Based Operating Subsidy Program requesting Project Based Vouchers in support of the Casa Indiana Senior Housing Development located at 2935-65 N. 2nd Street. Casa Indiana will provide housing to elderly persons who are currently independent together with the supportive services that they need in order to continue to work and be otherwise actively involved in community activities, socialize and remain self-sufficient for as long as possible. The project will enable individuals to "age-in-place" for as long as possible to reduce the incidence of pre-mature institutionalization of elderly residents of the community, and provide much needed affordable housing options for a section of the city with the largest aging population.

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Children's Crisis Treatment Center is a non-profit agency that specializes in providing behavioral health to children and their families. We are dedicated to addressing the impact of childhood abuse, neglect, traumatic events and other challenges that can affect childhood development.

We eagerly anticipate the positive impact that this program will have in the community and welcome the opportunity to work with HACE towards the common goal of positively impacting the lives of community residents.

Sincerely,

Antonio Valdés
Chief Executive Officer

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