



Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, PhD
President & CEO
St. Joseph Center
Venice, CA 90291
RE: Support of St. Joseph Center Encampment Resolution Grant

Dear Dr. Adams Kellum:

Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation is pleased to provide this letter in support of St. Joseph Center Encampment Resolution Grant application.

St. Joseph Center has developed a program to address vehicular homelessness in Service Planning Area ("SPA) 6 in South Los Angeles County. The goal of this grant is to engage residents living in RV's and other types of vehicles along Grand Avenue in Council District 9 and enroll them in case management services to remove barriers that prevent them from accessing permanent housing. By pairing housing vouchers to this program, we anticipate that more people will be willing to relinquish their RV and move indoors. St. Joseph Center provides needs assessments, outreach and engagement, case management, rapid re-housing assistance, mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment, transportation assistance and permanent housing placement. The project will encourage community revitalization and create vibrant public spaces for residents through strategic and unique partnerships with the City, its stakeholders, medical centers, local business, and community groups.

Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation was founded as a nonprofit corporation in 1998 with the goal of creating housing opportunities for the broad spectrum of people who need affordable homes (with supportive services), including low-income working families, seniors, unhoused individuals, and people with special needs.

Since our inception, Wakeland Housing has delivered more than 7,500 units of affordable multifamily rental housing at 51 properties throughout the state, working alone and in a variety of partnerships with cities, municipal agencies, nonprofits and investors. This includes more than 300 units of supportive housing for people who have experienced homelessness. Each of Wakeland's communities showcases our commitment to building and operating cost-efficient housing developments with quality on-site programs and services that help low-income and special needs residents fulfill their personal and professional goals.

Wakeland Housing is developing several supportive housing communities in the Los Angeles area including The Chesterfield Apartments in located in SPA 6 that will provide homes for formerly



unhoused seniors age 55 and older. We are excited about our partnership with St. Joseph Center to provide supportive and targeted responsive services to the seniors living at The Chesterfield Apartments.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend SJC in its commitment and efforts to develop creative outreach and housing solutions supporting those most in need. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (310) 403-9151 or tlevien@wakelandhdc.com.

Sincerely,

Tricia Tasto Levien

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