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RE: Support of St. Joseph Center Encampment Resolution Grant

Dear Dr. Adams Kellum:

The People Concern 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.

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 (323) 334-9000 x462.

Sincerely,

John Maceri
Chief Executive Officer, The People Concern