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March 24, 2025

RE: Aurora Permanent Supportive Housing

To whom it may concern,

AllHealth Network is pleased to submit this letter of support for Brother's Redevelopment's Supportive Housing Project, located at 1700 S. Chambers Rd in Aurora, Colorado. This project will be located in Arapahoe county and will further advance the county's continuum of housing addressing homelessness specifically focused on the unmet needs of our justice involved population who are unhoused and struggling with mental health and substance misuse.

As a Comprehensive Safety Net provider, serving the state of Colorado since 1955, we have witnessed firsthand how homelessness can compound the challenges for those in the community trying to manage behavioral health needs. AllHealth Network has been a part of the project development since 2022 and has committed to being the service provider for this supportive housing project. We are grateful to work alongside Brother's Redevelopment and Arapahoe County to make this needed resource a reality.

The project was developed in response to an increasing need in our county of individuals being served by our justice system and released from our detention center, unhoused, and in need of behavioral health supports. In 2021, it was estimated that 16% of the population in Arapahoe County Jail was being released to homelessness; 40% of JD Bridges clients had unstable housing; and 24% of specialty court clients had unstable housing. Adding 60 units of supportive housing with onsite behavioral health services can decrease recidivism and help people move toward recovery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *jennifer bock* Jennifer Bock, LPC Chief Clinical Officer, AllHealth Network



March 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

The <u>Arapahoe Douglas Works! Workforce Development Center</u> is pleased to support Brother's Redevelopment's Permanent Supportive Housing Project at 1700 S. Chambers Rd., Aurora, Colorado, County of Arapahoe. This project provides housing and much-needed supportive services for populations with additional barriers to employment, including those experiencing homelessness, mental health needs, substance use needs, and justice involvement. Arapahoe Douglas Works! leadership has participated in the Permanent Supportive Housing project through involvement in the committee developing this initiative and in the service planning for this project. Arapahoe Douglas Works! will continue to participate in service development to assist in the success of this project in Arapahoe County.

Arapahoe Douglas Works! is a nationally recognized workforce center that provides job seeker and business services that exceed national and local outcomes. Arapahoe Douglas Works! is experienced in providing employment support to populations with barriers, such as the individuals that the Supportive Housing project will serve. Arapahoe Douglas Works! will provide direct onsite and virtual services to the residents of this project, including, but not limited to:

- Career exploration
- Resume building
- Job Search and labor market data navigation and counseling
- Training and certification assistance, as eligible and determined appropriate
- Work Experiences/Internships, On the Job Training, and Registered Apprenticeship opportunities, as eligible and determined appropriate
- Supportive Services, as eligible and determined appropriate

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This is essential work within our community; I appreciate your consideration.

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April 28, 2025

Congressman Jason Crow Colorado's Sixth Congressional District 2170 South Parker Road Suite 280 Aurora, CO 80231

Dear Representative Crow,

On behalf of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, I am pleased to support a Congressionally Directed Spending request for Arapahoe County's Permanent Supportive Housing Project, located at 1900 S Chambers Rd in Aurora, Colorado, in Arapahoe County. This project further advances the county's continuum of housing to address homelessness and meets an unmet need to serve our justice involved population experiencing homelessness and suffering from mental health and substance use disorders.

The project was developed in response to an increasing need in our county of individuals being served by our justice system and released from our detention center, unhoused, and in need of behavioral health supports. In 2021, it was estimated that 16% of the population in Arapahoe County Jail was being released to homelessness; 40% of JD Bridges clients had unstable housing; and 24% of specialty court clients had unstable housing. These plans have been developed in partnership with human services, health care partners, and law enforcement representatives and imagine a community of 60, onebedroom affordable housing units with a percentage of the individuals coming directly from the Arapahoe County detention center, courts or judicial services.

We are excited at the opportunity to design a community that provides not only housing, but other supporting services, like behavioral health, medical care, workforce support, and more. This is a priority project founded in regional and cross-jurisdictional partnership that is designed to reduce homelessness in our area, reduce recidivism, save taxpayer dollars spent on incarceration, increase access to needed services, and support our most vulnerable populations.

Sincerely, ARAPAHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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March 21, 2025

The Honorable Michael Bennet U.S. Senator for Colorado 261 Russell Senate Building Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Bennet:

I am writing to you in support of Brothers Redevelopment and Arapahoe County's Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Arapahoe County Permanent Supportive Housing Community proposed to be developed at 1900 S. Chambers Rd. in Aurora, CO

Brothers Redevelopment is long-established nonprofit housing organization that has been serving Coloradans since 1971 through the provision of housing and housing related services for low-income, elderly and disabled neighbors across the state of Colorado. Annually, we hear from more than 50,000 Coloradans, who seek our help in finding a home, preserving their home or maintaining their home.

Housing is an intervention! The most impactful way we fulfill our mission is the provision of housing, and that's what we are working to achieve at 1900 S. Chambers. With support from Arapahoe County elected and public officials, including members of the county's Behavioral Health and Justice Coordinating subcommittees, as well as both current and former Arapahoe County Commissioners, Brothers is proposing to develop at 60-unit supportive housing community on the site that will serve justice involved members of our community, as well as individuals struggling with long-term housing insecurity and instability. A minimum of 45 units will be set aside for those with high utilization of publicly funded systems as determined by their involvement in the justice system and justice rehabilitation programs.

All residents will be required to pay 30% of their adjusted gross annual income, abide by community rules and standards, and terms of their lease. Residents also will be encouraged to enter into a services agreement that allows for them to receive both treatment and assistance designed to help them thrive in the community.

Led by All Health Network, these services will help future tenants address personal challenges, like substance addiction and treatment for mental illness. Services also will improve health and safety and lend to gainful and steady employment.

Conferring regularly with officials in the court, All Health Network will staff with up to four Case Managers – one for our 15 residents – who will coordinate the services and also oversee the work of other services providers.

The number of services providers set to work with clients, <u>on site at the proposed community</u>, is unprecedented. All Health will be joined by a myriad of respected public and nonprofit agencies to help clients succeed, including: Aurora Mental Health and Recovery, STRIDE Community Health Centers, the 18th Judicial District Bridges Program and Problem Solving Courts and Arapahoe County Human Services.

This proposed development is a direct response to stated community needs in Arapahoe County. For the past ten years, the Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee – a committee composed of Arapahoe County Commissioners, members of the county's Human Services, Courts, and Sheriff's Departments – has been working to find a way to create housing for the people involved in the county's Justice System.

Individuals with a criminal history have a harder time securing a job with a living wage and maintaining housing, leading to higher rates of homelessness. The incarceration rate for individuals born into low-income families is 20 times that of those born into high-income families. Colorado spends \$1 billion annually on its prison system, which has 'housed' more people than affordable housing programs have in the state.

Projected Outcomes of Project

• 90% of residents will remain stably housed after 1 year.

• Low Rates of Recidivism- with the goal of reducing arrests and returns to jail/prison.

• Increase in the number of residents who are employed and have maintained employment for at least 1 year.

• Increase to income through earned or fixed income

• Increase to the number of individuals engaged in behavioral health, employment and primary care services

• Decreases in Hospitalization rates for those participating in behavioral health services.

Brothers Redevelopment and All Health Network are trusted community partners that provide vital services that enable some of Colorado's most vulnerable residents to find housing, access health care, rebuild their lives, ensure safety and security for their families, and become contributing members of their communities.

This is an important endeavor that has gained widespread public, private and philanthropic support. I hope that you will carefully consider and put forward Brothers Redevelopment's proposed community at 1900 S. Chambers for Congressionally Directed Spending / Community Project Funding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 720-839-1874.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Jeff Martinez President Brothers Redevelopment



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Join us for a fun-filled Trivia Night on May 28! Every ticket supports Brothers Redevelopment's mission.



Watch: Community Meeting on Proposed Affordable Housing on South Chambers Road

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February 5, 2025

Watch the recording of Brothers Redevelopment's community meeting to learn more about the proposed affordable housing community on South Chambers Road. This initiative is designed to provide stable housing and supportive services for low-income residents, with a focus on individuals experiencing long-term housing insecurity and participants in Arapahoe County's justice rehabilitation programs.

You can watch it here.

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