



Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) has been hugely supportive of PATH and recommended funding in in this year's Continuum of Care comprehensive housing request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The \$109,000 awarded falls far short of the funds needed from HUD by SCC and the \$335,000 in MDHI's final request submitted to HUD as part of the Continuum of Care funding.

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THUD funding for PATH staff is an incredibly valuable use of taxpayer funds. Without this safe and secure home, PATH's residents, who currently include 11 children, would be homeless. Instead, some have jobs, and all are on Medicaid and are receiving health and mental health care. The children are going to school, most for the first time in their young lives.

As the Continuum of Care for our community, MDHI can fully attest to the urgent need for permanent supportive housing, and that PATH is an outstanding example of PSH at its best. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Regards,

Dr. Jamie Rife

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April 8th, 2022

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Instead, some have jobs, and all are on Medicaid and are receiving health and mental health care. The children are going to school, most for the first time in their young lives. I have visited PATH, engaged with the residents and shared their joy and hope in the possibility of rebuilding their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Imman M. Jodeh".

Imman M. Jodeh
State Representative
House District 41

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Thank you for your consideration.



Mike Weissman

Colorado State Representative

House District 36



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April 20, 2022

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It is my pleasure to add a letter of support to Second Chance Center's (SCC) request for a Congressional appropriation from the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development to fund their permanent supportive housing staff at Providence at the Heights (PATH). PATH opened in March 2020, just in time to protect its new residents from the pandemic.

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SCC is a robust and highly effective re-entry program in Colorado. The Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL) has worked with Second Chance Center since the early days of its founding, initially as mentors and grant administrators for federal and state funding of its re-entry programs, and now as a valued partners in our shared mission to serve marginalized communities.

THUD funding for SCC's PATH staff is an incredibly valuable use of taxpayer funds. Without this safe, secure and supportive housing, PATH's residents, who currently include 11 children, would be homeless. Instead, some have jobs, and all are on Medicaid and are receiving physical and mental health care. LCCL worked closely with SCC as they built the much-needed permanent supportive housing and then developed and adjusted their staffing to meet the huge need of people leaving life on the streets. All of us at LCCL are inspired and incredible grateful of how PATH staff supported residents during the pandemic.

Metro Denver Homeless Initiative recommended funding in this year's Continuum of Care comprehensive housing request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, but the funds granted fall far short of what is needed to maintain the high quality of service, care and housing for which SCC is known and respected for throughout the community.

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