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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Representative Jason Crow 1229 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crow:

My name is Adeeb Khan, executive director of the Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation. It is with much enthusiasm that I recommend Project Worthmore to receive congressional funding toward the construction of a new integrated clinic, furthering much need comprehensive healthcare to a high need, and primarily immigrant population in Aurora. Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation has supported this nonprofit organization since 2015.

Project Worthmore, based in Aurora and established in 2011, responds to the acute needs for assistance of refugee families in the community. More than 60,000 refugees call Colorado home. Project Worthmore offers six programs and services to help families access nutritious food, education, meaningful employment, and quality health care.

Throughout the years, Project Worthmore has continued to grow, adapt, and meet the needs of the community. The desire to acquire a new building in Aurora allows Project Worthmore to serve a greater number of families and expand their programs and services. Since its inception, Project Worthmore has focused on bringing culturally connected, fully integrated healthcare to their community. They integrated a dental hygienist into the medical clinic to ensure the provision of dental as part of their services and hire staff from the community to help ensure culturally representation in their care. This clinic is a model for excellent, accessible healthcare.

Project Worthmore is a shining light and a trusted resource for Denver's refugee community. Receiving funds to construct a new building ensure more families are healthy, connected and successful in their new home. I appreciate your support. Thank you for your time and consideration of my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Adeeb Khan Executive Director Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

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Dear Congressman Jason Crow,

I am writing on behalf of Project Worthmore and their request for funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending program.

Over the past decade, I have watched Project Worthmore become a staple in the refugee and immigrant communities in the metro area. They are instrumental in creating tolerance and compassion- bringing people together for social bridging and strengthening our community. I was thrilled to learn that they would purchase the building that housed their offices. Not only is this a key step in fighting the destructive gentrification of the area, it is also an assurance that their work will continue where it is needed most.

I fully support Project Worthmore and their request for capital funds for The Roots at 1666 Elmira Street.

Sincerely,

Iman M. Jodeh State Representative House District 41 To Congressman Crow,

I am writing this letter in strong support of funding for the renovation of Project Worthmore's building at 1666 Elmira Street, The Roots.

I came to the United States to attend university and to escape persecution from my home in Chin State in Burma. The Chin are a very discriminated against group and we are the poorest state in all of Burma. Coming from this background to Colorado was challenging, however, my community and I were able to prosper with the support of Project Worthmore.

Project Worthmore not only provided us the much needed services, like help with housing, jobs and dental care, but they also created spaces where communities could gather, we could make friends with Americans and even began to heal the differences and fighting that had been carried over from our home country. Many people see refugees as one group, however, even from one country, there are many groups who often bring with them centuries of prejudice and fighting. Project Worthmore began the Burma Leadership Council that was developed to assist with issues between different ethic groups that had been resettled in Colorado. This was one of the most beneficial and impactful things that could have happened for our community here as newcomers.

After that, I served on the board of Project Worthmore from 2015-2017 where I helped to guide programming that incorporated voices from the community that was being served: Something that Project Worthmore has always done well.

I have seen first hand the impact that PWM has had for the past ten years, not only for my Chin and Burmese community, but for people from all around the globe.

I am currently the Senior Pastor of The Chin Baptist Church of Colorado. Our congregation has grown to include 500+ people, the majority of whom have been fortunate enough to have been supported at one time or another by Project Worthmore, their wonderful staff and community.

There are few places where newcomers like myself can feel fully welcome, yet it is one of the strongest needs we have after being displaced: to be welcome and build a home. Project Worthmore and the Roots are our home, and we would love to see the dreams for this building become realized through this financial support.

Sincerely,

John (04/26/2022)

Pastor John Za Bawi Lian

Senior Pastor The Chin Baptist Church of Colorado