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August 27, 2015

Ms. Sophia Kim, Assistant Project Manager
Clifford Beers Housing, Inc.
1200 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 520
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**RE: Support Letter for Affordable Housing Project @ 1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
in Los Angeles, California**

Dear Ms. Kim:

On Thursday, June 4, 2015 the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (“NANDC”) voted 6-2 in favor of writing a letter to offer our support for the Clifford Beers Affordable Housing Project @ 1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including the preliminary design and proposal consisting of 26 family apartment units, with some portion of those set aside as supportive housing units for people with mental health issues and homeless individuals.

Some concerns of some board and community members include the fact that the project is not a mixed-income housing project with market-rate units available to avoid building communities of high concentrated low income housing. Additionally, the board was made aware the night of the vote that the facility would accommodate individuals with mental illness, homeless individuals mixed in with low-income families and so there were safety concerns as well.

With our support, we expect Clifford Beers Housing, Inc. to include the following conditions set forth in this letter of support:

- that NANDC reserves the right to review and revisit our support of the project as it develops and new information is disclosed about the project;
- continue to conduct community outreach to neighbors within close proximity surrounding the development to ensure they are aware of the project and application process;
- provide information to NANDC Board regarding their **Project Labor Agreement (PLA)**, also known as a **Community Workforce Agreement**, which should include unionized workers with a minimum of at least 20% workers from the community surrounding the location of the project;

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact Andrea Canty at (310) 753-9678 by email at nandc.president@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Andrea Canty, President
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North Area Neighborhood Development Council

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