

December 8, 2023

Mary O'Donnell President The RRF Foundation for Aging 8765 W Higgins Rd., Suite 430 Chicago, IL 60631-4170

Dear Mary:

On behalf of Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.), I am pleased to submit this enthusiastic letter of support to RRF Foundation for Aging for The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC)'s proposed intergenerational affordable housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village.

H.O.M.E. is proud to have partnered with TRC from 2019 until earlier this year to conceive of and co-design Abrams Intergenerational Village, uniting our twin organizational goals of creating new intergenerational housing on the south side. Pat Abrams, with whom I have worked for decades, and I share a philosophy that the housing needs of older people are best met by lifting up their gifts and fostering community for people of all ages. H.O.M.E. is thrilled that TRC will develop, own, and operate this residence, fulfilling a strong desire for affordable housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren in Chicago's Washington Park neighborhood.

The Renaissance Collaborative has long advocated for and operated affordable senior housing in Washington Park. They are a model for seeking community input, building community trust, and, as such, have strong support for Abrams Intergenerational Village from Alderwoman Pat Dowell and surrounding neighbors, including residents of TRC's Senior Village residence. H.O.M.E. strongly supports The Renaissance Collaborative's continual pursuit to seek and fill direct community needs defined by community members, and looks forward helping in any way as TRC implements intergenerational communal programming.

Please feel free to contact me at (773) 295-2711 or <u>GailS@HOMEseniors.org</u> with any questions. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and support for The Renaissance Collaborative for Abrams Intergenerational Village.

Sincerely,

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Gail Schechter Executive Director



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February 8, 2023

Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607 Patricia Abrams Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60653

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Alderman of the 3rd Ward where the proposed project is located, I enthusiastically support The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly's (H.O.M.E.) proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

I have long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Local residents desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

TRC and H.O.M.E. each are highly qualified and well-respected organizations that have earned deep trust from the older adults they serve, as well as health care and community colleagues. TRC and H.O.M.E. have demonstrated experience in successfully creating real estate developments, neighborhood partnerships, and senior-centered programs that allow for quality aging in community.

I believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grandfamilies, and young people. I applaud TRC and H.O.M.E. and encourage you to fully fund Abrams Intergenerational Village. Should you need further information feel free to contact me at <u>Wardo3@cityofchicago.org</u> or at 773-373-9273.

Pat Dowell Alderman, 3rd Ward

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May 19, 2021

Thomas R. Davis Director, HUD Office of Recapitalization The Weaver Federal Building 451 7th Street, SW -- Room 6230 Washington, DC 20410

Dear Director Davis:

Please accept this communiqué as a letter of support for The Renaissance Collaborative and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.), who, I understand, seek to develop Senior Village II ("SVII"), a vibrant intergenerational and permanent supportive housing facility for senior, grand-family, and young adults ages 18-24 currently enrolled in secondary education, whom need affordable housing and/or homeless, near homeless or housing insecure. The facility will include H.O.M.E.'s nationally recognized supportive housing model for seniors called "The Good Life Senior Residences." SVII will be new construction at 5300-5318 South Calumet Avenue in the Washington Park community area on Chicago's south side. The site is an Equitable Transit Oriented Development, located within an Opportunity Zone and 47th & State Tax Incremental Finance District (T-136).

All units will 100% affordable and LIHTC qualified for households with income at 30%, 50%, and 60% of AMI. SVII will include 74 residential units comprising a unit mix of 31 studios (42%), 15 one-bedrooms (20%), and 6 two-bedrooms (8%), 11 two bedrooms (15%) with 2 bathrooms and 11 three-bedrooms (15%) with 2 baths. Six units will be set-aside for homeless youth currently enrolled in college, primarily Chicago City Colleges and 28 units will be set aside for HUD 202 with PRAC and 8 units will be set aside for the Statewide Referral Network.

There remains a very significant unmet need for such programs. I trust the application will receive all due consideration.

Sincerely,

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Danny K. Davis Member of Congress

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February 8, 2023

Illinois Housing Development Authority 111 East Wacker Drive Suite 1000 Chicago, IL 60601

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

Residents in Washington Park desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all of these populations.

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I believe that The Renaissance Collaborative's and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly's proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing will make for a successful project -- one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grandfamilies, and young people. I support this project and encourage you to fund Abrams Intergenerational Village.

Should you need further information feel free to contact me.

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Mattie Hunter Assistant Majority Leader Illinois State Senator 3rd Legislative District

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

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May 26, 2021

Thomas R. Davis Director, HUD Office of Recapitalization The Weaver Federal Building 451 7th Street, SW -- Room 6230 Washington, DC 20410

Dear Director Davis:

I am writing in support of The Renaissance Collaborative and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly's (H.O.M.E) application for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This federal funding will enable The Renaissance Collaborative develop the second part of their senior housing development designed to house seniors who are raising dependents.

Senior Village II will be a vibrant intergenerational and permanent supportive housing facility for senior, grand-family, and young adults ages 18-24 currently enrolled in secondary education, whom need affordable housing and/or homeless, near homeless or housing insecure. The facility will include H.O.M.E.'s nationally recognized supportive housing model for seniors called "The Good Life Senior Residences." SVII will be a new construction at 5300-5318 South Calumet Avenue in the Washington Park community area on Chicago's south side. There is a significant unmet need for housing for seniors who are living with younger family members, a need that the Renaissance Collaborative has identified and will be able to address through this funding opportunity.

Please give full and fair consideration to The Renaissance Collaborative's application. If you require additional information, please contact my Chicago Director, Clarisol Duque, at (312) 353-4952.

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Durbin United States Senator

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June 24, 2021

Gail Schechter **Executive Director** Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly 1419 W Carroll Ave, FL 2 Chicago, IL 60607

To Gail.

Please accept this letter as an indication of support for the work of Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.) and The Renaissance Collaborative. This letter an indication of support from Fifth Third Bank to provide financial empowerment and financial literacy support to the clients and residents of H.O.M.E. and The Renaissance Collaborative and their forthcoming intergenerational housing development: Senior Village II.

This financial literacy support will include utilizing several programs from Fifth Third Bank including EmpowerU (banker-facilitated financial literacy modules) on topics including: Saving and Budgeting, Protecting your Identity, Boost your Credit. We can also utilize Fifth Third Finance Academy, a financial literacy program designed for young people. We will continue to explore additional tools from Fifth Third Bank to support the financial empowerment of clients, tenants, and the community at Senior Village II through the partnership with H.O.M.E. and The Renaissance Collaborative.

Sincerely.

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David Klein Officer, Community Development Relationship Manager Fifth Third Bank 222 S. Riverside Plaza Chicago, IL 60606



To whom it may concern:

The Coalition for Equitable Community Development (CECD) enthusiastically supports HOME/The Renaissance Collaborative's proposed intergenerational housing project at 53rd and Calumet. CECD has long advocated for affordable senior housing in our area of the southside of Chicago. Our research shows the need for such housing, and we hear from local residents their desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age.

We believe that the track record of HOME's work with seniors on the southside, combined with The Renaissance Collaborative's proven ability to create and manage senior housing will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many southside seniors.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the CECD board, Linda S. Thisted, President



Dear Commissioner Novara,

On behalf of Centers for New Horizons (Centers), I wish to express my enthusiastic support for The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) in its pursuit of residential housing development for intergenerational families, specifically seniors raising their grandchildren. In seeking someone to mobilize the community, we are confident that under the leadership of Patricia Abrams, TRC will develop another high-quality Senior Village.

For 50 years, Centers has served the communities of Grand Boulevard and surrounding mid-south and far south communities with locations in underserved communities such as Washington Park, Fuller Park, Englewood, Washington Park, Chatham and expanding its reach as far as Austin, East Garfield Park and Riverdale. In these communities, Centers provides programs and services to address the social determinants of health that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks to nearly 6,000 families each year.

TRC's proposal details a holistic approach which draws on their demonstrated experience in creating real estate developments, partnerships, research, policies, and programs that are targeted to address the social determinants of health that plague the communities that they serve. TRC creates solutions that will assist in building a strong community.

In support of this strong proposal, Centers will partner with TRC on child care and after school programs for the youth in the facilities. We offer full-day, year round Early Childhood Education programming for infants -5 years old; and enrichment programming for 6 - 18 year olds.

Our organization applauds TRC's mission and vision, fully supporting their proposal and encourage the Department of Housing to look favorably to fund the TRC services. Should you need further information feel free to contact me.

Christa A. Hamilton

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December 15, 2022

Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607 Patricia Abrams Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60653

Dear Gail and Patricia:

Illinois Department on Aging enthusiastically supports The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53^{rd.} Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

IDoA has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Local residents, desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

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We believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grand families, and young people. IDoA applauds TRC and H.O.M.E. and encourages you to fully fund Abrams Intergenerational Village. Should you need further information feel free to contact me at <u>Paula.Basta@illinois.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Paula Basta, M.Div. Director, Illinois Department on Aging

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December 14, 2022

Pat Abrams and Gail Schechter The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60653

Dear Ms. Abrams and Ms. Schechter,

RRF Foundation for Aging (RRF) is pleased to support The Renaissance Collaborative and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence in Chicago, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue.

RRF Foundation for Aging's mission is to improve the quality of life for older people. RRF is one of the first private foundations devoted exclusively to aging issues; as such, the Foundation has worked with both The Renaissance Collaborative and H.O.M.E. for many years. RRF's funding relationship with H.O.M.E. began in 1984 and has continued due to the organization's established success providing housing for older people with low incomes in Chicago.

The Renaissance Collaborative has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. The organization is known for the quality of its work, but also for its responsiveness to the community. This community has a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing.

RRF Foundation for Aging's Trustees strongly believe that affordable housing is needed to enable older people to remain living in their community. Abrams Intergenerational Village aligns with RRF's vision that all older people continue to be valued and respected as participants and contributors in community life.

We believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will attract older people from the south side of Chicago, grandfamilies, and young people.

Sincerely,

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President



Ms. Marisa Novara Commissioner of the Dept of Housing City of Chicago 121 N. Lasalle Street Chicago, IL 60602 Dear Commissioner Novara Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church would like to exp Inc. (TRC) as it undertakes the second develop Bronzeville community in partnership with Ho Elderly (HOME). The mission of Senior Village I

Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church would like to express its support of The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc. (TRC) as it undertakes the second development in the Senior Village project in the greater Bronzeville community in partnership with Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (HOME). The mission of Senior Village II is to foster an empowering environment where seniors are active, healthy participants in their own community, achieving their full potential and maximizing their quality of life. The key goals of this intergenerational development are to create an attractive and innovative living environment for low-income seniors, support seniors who are primary caregivers of dependents and develop a multi-generational space that invites broader community participation. As a historic faith-based institution dedicated to our communities, Quinn Chapel understands the need for specific vulnerable populations in our community, especially our seniors. As the senior population steadily increases, the continued development of affordable, supportive and safe environments will become imperative to ensure the quality of life for our seniors. TRC transformed a dilapidated former YMCA facility into a 101 unit SRO, supportive affordable housing facility serving formerly homeless individuals known as The Renaissance Apartments, which opened in 2000. TRC also developed the first installment of the Senior Village project, a 71-unit HUD 202, which opened in 2010 to serve low-income seniors. With these successful development efforts and the proven ability to assist individuals in restructuring their lives and achieving self-sufficiency, TRC has demonstrated its capacity to develop and succeed in the operation of this type of housing, TRC understands the needs of the populations it serves and will work hard to ensure that those needs are met. Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church is a proud sponsor of TRC and has been since its inception in 1992. As the vision for the Senior Village continues to take shape, we will support TRC in whatever capacity possible to ensure the fulfillment of its mission.

Sincerely, Rev. James M. Moody,

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Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D. *Pastor*

Ms. Marisa Novara Commissioner of the Dept of Housing City of Chicago 121 N. Lasalle Street Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Novara

The Apostolic Faith Church 3843 S. Indiana Ave Chicago, a founding and supporting church would like to express its support of The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc. (TRC) as it undertakes the second development in the Senior Village project in the greater Bronzeville community in partnership with Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (HOME). Senior Village II's mission is to foster an empowering environment where seniors are active, healthy participants in their own community, achieving their full potential and maximizing their quality of life. The key goals of this intergenerational development are to create an attractive and innovative living environment for low-income seniors, support seniors who are primary caregivers of dependents, and develop a multi-generational space that invites broader community participation.

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Bis Horace E. Smith M.D. Senior Pastor Apostolic Faith Church, Chicago

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Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Ms. Schechter,

The Occupational Therapy Program at Rush University enthusiastically supports The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed

intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

The Occupational Therapy Program at Rush University has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Local residents desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

TRC and H.O.M.E. each are highly qualified and well-respected organizations that have earned deep trust from the older adults they serve, as well as health care and community colleagues. TRC and H.O.M.E. have demonstrated experience in successfully creating real estate developments, neighborhood partnerships, and senior-centered programs that allow for quality aging in community.

In support of this strong proposal, The Occupational Therapy Program at Rush University would like to partner with TRC and H.O.M.E. on (e.g., child care and after school programs for the youth in the facilities. We offer full-day, year round Early Childhood Education programming for infants – 5 years old; and enrichment programming for 6 - 18 year olds.)]

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Sincerely,

Rubura Ongli_ DHS, OTR/L, BCPR_

Rebecca Ozelie, DHS, OTR/L Chair and Program Director Associate Professor Rush University <u>Rebecca_ozelie@rush.edu</u> 312-942-6989

Rush is a not-for-profit health care, education and research enterprise comprising Rush University Medical Center, Rush University, Rush Oak Park Hospital and Rush Health.



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Elevated Chicago 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2200 Chicago, IL 60601 312.616.8000 ElevatedChicago.org February 7, 2023

Re: Letter of support for the Abrams Intergenerational Village

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Elevated Chicago, I am writing to support The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E) development Abrams Intergenerational Village, a permanent supportive housing facility for seniors, grand-families, and young adults enrolled in college, all of whom are homeless or housing insecure, to be newly constructed at 5300 – 5318 S. Calumet Ave in the Washington Park/Bronzeville community area.

As a coalition of organizations working to advance equitable transit-oriented development, Elevated Chicago supports and promotes public, private, and civic investment in affordable housing across Chicago, with a particular emphasis on the communities of Washington Park and Woodlawn, Garfield Park, Logan Square, North Lawndale, and Washington Heights, and other communities of color facing displacement due to gentrification and disinvestment. Elevated Chicago promotes ETOD as a tool for advancing racial equity while also improving public health outcomes, protecting and amplifying cultural vitality, and increasing climate resilience.

TRC and H.O.M.E.S have shared the plans for the development with Elevated Chicago and the Elevated Chicago Green Line South Community Table. This development provides 100% affordable housing and capitalizes on many of the benefits of ETOD and the recently passed Connected Communities ordinance, expanding the number of units by minimizing parking and providing amenities such as bike racks to encourage and embrace a variety of active transportation options. Additionally, this development has engaged in an in-depth and ongoing community engagement and design process, and honors the cultural practices and values of intergenerational housing evidenced in Bronzeville since early migration from the south. The project will activate three long vacant and underutilized sites currently owned by the City of Chicago and will fill a need and demand for high quality affordable supportive housing in this area.

I express my strong support for this development and the inter-generational model of supportive housing. This project is also supported by the Elevated Chicago Green Line South Community Table, a collaborative table of residents, organizations, anchor institutions, and small businesses in the Bronzeville, Washington Park and Woodlawn communities.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at roberto@elevatedchicago.org.

Roberto Requejo Executive Director, Elevated Chicago



February 13, 2023

Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly 1419 W Carroll Ave, Floor 2 Chicago, IL 60607

The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60653

Re: Abrams Intergenerational Village - Construction and Permanent Financing Letter

Churchill Mortgage Investment LLC, a subsidiary of Churchill Stateside Group, LLC (collectively defined as the "Lender"), is pleased to provide this Conditional Commitment for construction financing and permanent financing for the aforementioned proposed affordable housing development. The terms and conditions of the proposed financing are as follows:

Subject Property:	Abrams Intergenerational Village 5300-5318 S. Calumet Chicago, IL 60615
Borrower:	A To-Be-Created Single Asset / Single Purpose Entity
Construction Loan Terms	
Construction Loan Amount:	\$13,599,900
Construction Term Loan:	24 months; interest only.
Interest Rate:	6.00%
Financing Fee:	1% of loan amount
Guarantors:	Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly; and, The Renaissance Collaborative
Security:	First Deed of Trust with assignment of rents on the subject property and improvements to be constructed thereon; legal description to govern. Assignment of low income housing tax credits.
<u>Permanent Loan Terms</u>	
Permanent Loan Amount:	\$2,800,000 (subject to LTV and DSCR constraints described below)
Guarantors:	Same as above (non-recourse except for standard carve-outs)
Security:	First Deed of Trust with assignment of rents on the subject property and improvements to be constructed thereon; legal description to govern.
Interest Rate:	6.35% fixed
Term/Amortization:	18/35
Annual Debt Service:	\$199,545



Supporting Healthy Aging Resources & Education

Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607

Patricia Abrams

Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60654

To Whom It May Concern:

SHARE Network at the University of Chicago, a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program project funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, enthusiastically supports The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly

(H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

SHARE Network has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Additionally, we have been long time partners with TRC to support older adults aging in place on Chicago's South Side. Local residents desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

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In support of this strong proposal, SHARE Network will continue to partner with TRC and H.O.M.E. on older adult programming that supports intergenerational health and well-being.

We believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grand-families, and young people. Our organization applauds TRC and H.O.M.E. and encourages you to fully fund Abrams Intergenerational Village. Should you need further information feel free to contact me at Katherine.Thompson@bsd.uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thompson, MD Associate Professor of Medicine Section of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine University of Chicago Medicine On behalf of SHARE Network



"A Community Distinctively Enriched with Historic Charm of Today Yesterday and Tomorrow"

June 11, 2022

Ms. Patricia Abrams Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, Il 60637

Dear Ms Abrams:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Abrams Intergenerational Village , the proposed development near your existing TRC Senior Village I at 53rd and Calumet. TRC Senior Village I has provided needed housing and made a positive contribution in the Washington Park Community for a decade.

It is our understanding that the new building will build upon TRC's current initiatives and provide services and programs for grandparents supporting their grandchildren in the area. As such, it will be an especially welcome addition to the community. Washington Park has long been a neighborhood where generations work together to build for a strong future.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of The Renaissance Collaborative to build critically needed housing that will strengthen our community. Any program that can help families will continue to help us all.

Sincerely,

Donna Hampton-Smith

Donna Hampton-Smith, President, Washington Park Chamber of Commerce

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Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D. *Pastor*

Ms. Marisa Novara Commissioner of the Dept of Housing City of Chicago 121 N. Lasalle Street Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Novara

The Apostolic Faith Church 3843 S. Indiana Ave Chicago, a founding and supporting church would like to express its support of The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc. (TRC) as it undertakes the second development in the Senior Village project in the greater Bronzeville community in partnership with Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (HOME). Senior Village II's mission is to foster an empowering environment where seniors are active, healthy participants in their own community, achieving their full potential and maximizing their quality of life. The key goals of this intergenerational development are to create an attractive and innovative living environment for low-income seniors, support seniors who are primary caregivers of dependents, and develop a multi-generational space that invites broader community participation.

As a historic faith-based institution dedicated to our communities, and having been so in the Bronzeville community since 1917, understands the need for certain vulnerable populations in our community, especially our seniors. As the senior population steadily increases, the continued development of affordable, supportive and safe environments has become imperative to ensure quality of life for our seniors.

TRC transformed a dilapidated former YMCA facility into a 101 units SRO, supportive affordable housing facility serving former homeless individuals known as The Renaissance Apartments which opened in 2000. TRC also developed the first installment of the Senior Village project, a 71-unit HUD 202 which opened in 2010 to serve low-income seniors. With these successful development efforts and the proven ability to assist individuals in restructuring their lives and achieving self-sufficiency, TRC has proven its capacity to develop and succeed in the operation of this type of housing,

TRC understands the needs of the populations it serves and will work hard to ensure that those needs are met. The Apostolic Faith Church is a proud sponsor of TRC and has been since its inception in 1992. As the vision for the Senior Village continues to take shape, we will support TRC in whatever capacity possible to ensure the fulfillment of its mission.

Bis Horace E. Smith M.D. Senior Pastor Apostolic Faith Church, Chicago



Ms. Marisa Novara Commissioner of the Dept of Housing City of Chicago 121 N. Lasalle Street Chicago, IL 60602 Dear Commissioner Novara Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church would like to exprese Inc. (TRC) as it undertakes the second development Bronzeville community in partnership with House

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Sincerely, Rev. James M. Moody

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Supporting Healthy Aging Resources & Education

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Patricia Abrams

Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60654

To Whom It May Concern:

SHARE Network at the University of Chicago, a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program project funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, enthusiastically supports The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly

(H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

SHARE Network has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Additionally, we have been long time partners with TRC to support older adults aging in place on Chicago's South Side. Local residents desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

TRC and H.O.M.E. each are highly qualified and well-respected organizations that have earned deep trust from the older adults they serve, as well as health care and community colleagues. TRC and H.O.M.E. have demonstrated experience in successfully creating real estate developments, neighborhood partnerships, and senior-centered programs that allow for quality aging in community.

In support of this strong proposal, SHARE Network will continue to partner with TRC and H.O.M.E. on older adult programming that supports intergenerational health and well-being.

We believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grand-families, and young people. Our organization applauds TRC and H.O.M.E. and encourages you to fully fund Abrams Intergenerational Village. Should you need further information feel free to contact me at Katherine.Thompson@bsd.uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thompson, MD Associate Professor of Medicine Section of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine University of Chicago Medicine On behalf of SHARE Network



Dear Commissioner Novara,

On behalf of Centers for New Horizons (Centers), I wish to express my enthusiastic support for The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) in its pursuit of residential housing development for intergenerational families, specifically seniors raising their grandchildren. In seeking someone to mobilize the community, we are confident that under the leadership of Patricia Abrams, TRC will develop another high-quality Senior Village.

For 50 years, Centers has served the communities of Grand Boulevard and surrounding mid-south and far south communities with locations in underserved communities such as Washington Park, Fuller Park, Englewood, Washington Park, Chatham and expanding its reach as far as Austin, East Garfield Park and Riverdale. In these communities, Centers provides programs and services to address the social determinants of health that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks to nearly 6,000 families each year.

TRC's proposal details a holistic approach which draws on their demonstrated experience in creating real estate developments, partnerships, research, policies, and programs that are targeted to address the social determinants of health that plague the communities that they serve. TRC creates solutions that will assist in building a strong community.

In support of this strong proposal, Centers will partner with TRC on child care and after school programs for the youth in the facilities. We offer full-day, year round Early Childhood Education programming for infants -5 years old; and enrichment programming for 6 - 18 year olds.

Our organization applauds TRC's mission and vision, fully supporting their proposal and encourage the Department of Housing to look favorably to fund the TRC services. Should you need further information feel free to contact me.

Christa A. Hamilton

Christa A. Hamilton Executive Director Centers for New Horizons christah@cnh.org



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Elevated Chicago 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2200 Chicago, IL 60601 312.616.8000 ElevatedChicago.org February 7, 2023

Re: Letter of support for the Abrams Intergenerational Village

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Elevated Chicago, I am writing to support The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E) development Abrams Intergenerational Village, a permanent supportive housing facility for seniors, grand-families, and young adults enrolled in college, all of whom are homeless or housing insecure, to be newly constructed at 5300 – 5318 S. Calumet Ave in the Washington Park/Bronzeville community area.

As a coalition of organizations working to advance equitable transit-oriented development, Elevated Chicago supports and promotes public, private, and civic investment in affordable housing across Chicago, with a particular emphasis on the communities of Washington Park and Woodlawn, Garfield Park, Logan Square, North Lawndale, and Washington Heights, and other communities of color facing displacement due to gentrification and disinvestment. Elevated Chicago promotes ETOD as a tool for advancing racial equity while also improving public health outcomes, protecting and amplifying cultural vitality, and increasing climate resilience.

TRC and H.O.M.E.S have shared the plans for the development with Elevated Chicago and the Elevated Chicago Green Line South Community Table. This development provides 100% affordable housing and capitalizes on many of the benefits of ETOD and the recently passed Connected Communities ordinance, expanding the number of units by minimizing parking and providing amenities such as bike racks to encourage and embrace a variety of active transportation options. Additionally, this development has engaged in an in-depth and ongoing community engagement and design process, and honors the cultural practices and values of intergenerational housing evidenced in Bronzeville since early migration from the south. The project will activate three long vacant and underutilized sites currently owned by the City of Chicago and will fill a need and demand for high quality affordable supportive housing in this area.

I express my strong support for this development and the inter-generational model of supportive housing. This project is also supported by the Elevated Chicago Green Line South Community Table, a collaborative table of residents, organizations, anchor institutions, and small businesses in the Bronzeville, Washington Park and Woodlawn communities.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at roberto@elevatedchicago.org.

Roberto Requejo Executive Director, Elevated Chicago

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February 8, 2023

Illinois Housing Development Authority 111 East Wacker Drive Suite 1000 Chicago, IL 60601

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

Residents in Washington Park desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all of these populations.

TRC and H.O.M.E. each are highly qualified and well-respected organizations that have earned trust from the older adults they serve, as well as health care and community colleagues. TRC and H.O.M.E. have demonstrated experience in successfully creating real estate developments, neighborhood partnerships, and senior-centered programs that allow for quality aging in the community.

I believe that The Renaissance Collaborative's and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly's proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing will make for a successful project -- one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grandfamilies, and young people. I support this project and encourage you to fund Abrams Intergenerational Village.

Should you need further information feel free to contact me.

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Mattie Hunter Assistant Majority Leader Illinois State Senator 3rd Legislative District

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February 8, 2023

Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607 Patricia Abrams Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60653

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Alderman of the 3rd Ward where the proposed project is located, I enthusiastically support The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly's (H.O.M.E.) proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

I have long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Local residents desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

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I believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grandfamilies, and young people. I applaud TRC and H.O.M.E. and encourage you to fully fund Abrams Intergenerational Village. Should you need further information feel free to contact me at <u>Wardo3@cityofchicago.org</u> or at 773-373-9273.

Pat Dowell Alderman, 3rd Ward



December 14, 2022

Pat Abrams and Gail Schechter The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60653

Dear Ms. Abrams and Ms. Schechter,

RRF Foundation for Aging (RRF) is pleased to support The Renaissance Collaborative and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence in Chicago, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue.

RRF Foundation for Aging's mission is to improve the quality of life for older people. RRF is one of the first private foundations devoted exclusively to aging issues; as such, the Foundation has worked with both The Renaissance Collaborative and H.O.M.E. for many years. RRF's funding relationship with H.O.M.E. began in 1984 and has continued due to the organization's established success providing housing for older people with low incomes in Chicago.

The Renaissance Collaborative has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. The organization is known for the quality of its work, but also for its responsiveness to the community. This community has a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing.

RRF Foundation for Aging's Trustees strongly believe that affordable housing is needed to enable older people to remain living in their community. Abrams Intergenerational Village aligns with RRF's vision that all older people continue to be valued and respected as participants and contributors in community life.

We believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will attract older people from the south side of Chicago, grandfamilies, and young people.

Sincerely,

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President



"A Community Distinctively Enriched with Historic Charm of Today Yesterday and Tomorrow"

June 11, 2022

Ms. Patricia Abrams Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, Il 60637

Dear Ms Abrams:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Abrams Intergenerational Village , the proposed development near your existing TRC Senior Village I at 53rd and Calumet. TRC Senior Village I has provided needed housing and made a positive contribution in the Washington Park Community for a decade.

It is our understanding that the new building will build upon TRC's current initiatives and provide services and programs for grandparents supporting their grandchildren in the area. As such, it will be an especially welcome addition to the community. Washington Park has long been a neighborhood where generations work together to build for a strong future.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of The Renaissance Collaborative to build critically needed housing that will strengthen our community. Any program that can help families will continue to help us all.

Sincerely,

Donna Hampton-Smith

Donna Hampton-Smith, President, Washington Park Chamber of Commerce

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May 19, 2021

Thomas R. Davis Director, HUD Office of Recapitalization The Weaver Federal Building 451 7th Street, SW -- Room 6230 Washington, DC 20410

Dear Director Davis:

Please accept this communiqué as a letter of support for The Renaissance Collaborative and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.), who, I understand, seek to develop Senior Village II ("SVII"), a vibrant intergenerational and permanent supportive housing facility for senior, grand-family, and young adults ages 18-24 currently enrolled in secondary education, whom need affordable housing and/or homeless, near homeless or housing insecure. The facility will include H.O.M.E.'s nationally recognized supportive housing model for seniors called "The Good Life Senior Residences." SVII will be new construction at 5300-5318 South Calumet Avenue in the Washington Park community area on Chicago's south side. The site is an Equitable Transit Oriented Development, located within an Opportunity Zone and 47th & State Tax Incremental Finance District (T-136).

All units will 100% affordable and LIHTC qualified for households with income at 30%, 50%, and 60% of AMI. SVII will include 74 residential units comprising a unit mix of 31 studios (42%), 15 one-bedrooms (20%), and 6 two-bedrooms (8%), 11 two bedrooms (15%) with 2 bathrooms and 11 three-bedrooms (15%) with 2 baths. Six units will be set-aside for homeless youth currently enrolled in college, primarily Chicago City Colleges and 28 units will be set aside for HUD 202 with PRAC and 8 units will be set aside for the Statewide Referral Network.

There remains a very significant unmet need for such programs. I trust the application will receive all due consideration.

Sincerely,

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December 15, 2022

Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607 Patricia Abrams Executive Director The Renaissance Collaborative 3757 S. Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60653

Dear Gail and Patricia:

Illinois Department on Aging enthusiastically supports The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53^{rd.} Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

IDoA has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Local residents, desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

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We believe that both The Renaissance Collaborative's and H.O.M.E.'s proven ability to create and manage senior and intergenerational housing respectively will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many south side seniors, grand families, and young people. IDoA applauds TRC and H.O.M.E. and encourages you to fully fund Abrams Intergenerational Village. Should you need further information feel free to contact me at <u>Paula.Basta@illinois.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Paula Basta, M.Div. Director, Illinois Department on Aging

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CRUSH

Gail Schechter Executive Director H.O.M.E. 1419 W Carroll Ave, Fl 2 Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Ms. Schechter,

The Occupational Therapy Program at Rush University enthusiastically supports The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)'s proposed

intergenerational housing residence, Abrams Intergenerational Village, at 53rd Street and Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

The Occupational Therapy Program at Rush University has long advocated for affordable senior housing in the Washington Park neighborhood. Local residents desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age. This is also an area with a need for integrated housing opportunities that incorporate grandparents raising grandchildren and college students without secure housing. There remains a very significant unmet need for such housing for all these populations.

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In support of this strong proposal, The Occupational Therapy Program at Rush University would like to partner with TRC and H.O.M.E. on (e.g., child care and after school programs for the youth in the facilities. We offer full-day, year round Early Childhood Education programming for infants – 5 years old; and enrichment programming for 6 - 18 year olds.)]

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca Ozelie, DHS, OTR/L Chair and Program Director Associate Professor Rush University <u>Rebecca_ozelie@rush.edu</u> 312-942-6989

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May 26, 2021

Thomas R. Davis Director, HUD Office of Recapitalization The Weaver Federal Building 451 7th Street, SW -- Room 6230 Washington, DC 20410

Dear Director Davis:

I am writing in support of The Renaissance Collaborative and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly's (H.O.M.E) application for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This federal funding will enable The Renaissance Collaborative develop the second part of their senior housing development designed to house seniors who are raising dependents.

Senior Village II will be a vibrant intergenerational and permanent supportive housing facility for senior, grand-family, and young adults ages 18-24 currently enrolled in secondary education, whom need affordable housing and/or homeless, near homeless or housing insecure. The facility will include H.O.M.E.'s nationally recognized supportive housing model for seniors called "The Good Life Senior Residences." SVII will be a new construction at 5300-5318 South Calumet Avenue in the Washington Park community area on Chicago's south side. There is a significant unmet need for housing for seniors who are living with younger family members, a need that the Renaissance Collaborative has identified and will be able to address through this funding opportunity.

Please give full and fair consideration to The Renaissance Collaborative's application. If you require additional information, please contact my Chicago Director, Clarisol Duque, at (312) 353-4952.

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Durbin United States Senator

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To whom it may concern:

The Coalition for Equitable Community Development (CECD) enthusiastically supports HOME/The Renaissance Collaborative's proposed intergenerational housing project at 53rd and Calumet. CECD has long advocated for affordable senior housing in our area of the southside of Chicago. Our research shows the need for such housing, and we hear from local residents their desire to remain in the neighborhood as they age.

We believe that the track record of HOME's work with seniors on the southside, combined with The Renaissance Collaborative's proven ability to create and manage senior housing will make for a successful project, one which will be attractive to many southside seniors.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the CECD board, Linda S. Thisted, President