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President

August 9, 2007

Ms. Deverra Beverly
and Ms. Sunny Fischer
Public Housing Museum
c/o The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
203 North Wabash, Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Ms. Beverly and Ms. Fischer:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the Public Housing Museum now under development in Chicago. Roosevelt University is an institution deeply committed to social justice, equality of opportunity and educating actively engaged citizens, and we hold the proud legacy of two great Americans for whom we are named, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Likewise, the Public Housing Museum is an important new institution which will hold the legacy of thousands of families and communities.

Founded under the administration of President Franklin Roosevelt, New Deal programs were created to help bring relief and recovery to an economy struggling to come out of the Great Depression. Public Housing was one such program which was a hand up to thousands of American families. Chicago was as central then to that history as it is now.

It has been our privilege to engage early on with the residents, scholars, foundations, civic leaders and others who helped shape this idea. Drawn from the passion and dedication of public housing residents, this Museum will be a place from which to explore social policy, reflect on our history, think about the future and continue to educate the world's citizens.

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We are proud to be a part of this endeavor and the essential legacy we are all helping to create for future generations.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Middleton", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Charles R. Middleton

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