

September 11, 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

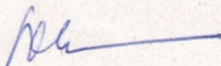
Dear Ms. Beverly and Ms. Fischer:

I am pleased to write in support of the creation of a Public Housing Museum in Chicago. The Field Museum, as you know, has been involved in reaching diverse communities with several different programs, particularly with our Center for Cultural Understanding and Change. The museum you are proposing would be a welcome addition to the city's cultural landscape, providing a way to honor, document, and interpret the legacy of hundreds of thousands of our residents. It would also raise important questions about current concerns on many issues regarding affordable housing, race, and poverty.

We encourage you to continue your work to develop the Public Housing Museum's program that will tell stories as yet untold in a creative and engaging way, advance public participation and reflection on issues facing our society, and strengthen the cultural assets of our city.

We wish you luck and are glad to offer any help we can.

Best regards,



John W. McCarter, Jr.