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July 13, 2007

Ms. Deverra Beverly, President
ABLA Local Advisory Council
And
Ms. Sunny Fischer, Executive Director
The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation

RE: Letter of Support – Public Housing Museum

Dear Ms. Beverly and Ms. Fischer:

It was a pleasure to meet with you earlier today and to learn more about the effort underway to develop a museum of public housing on Chicago's near west side. To date, no cultural institution in the country is devoted to telling the story of public housing. This far-reaching policy has had a profound impact on hundreds of thousands of Americans families throughout the 20th century. Few cities have had a more dramatic connection to public housing than Chicago.

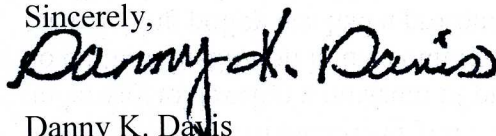
I understand that you have successfully secured most of the necessary funding for the project's planning phase from a wide range of foundations including Boeing, Polk Brothers, Joyce and MacArthur among others. Additionally, you have a number of grant requests pending as well as meetings you will be scheduling with members of Illinois Congressional delegation and the State legislature to pursue other sources of support.

I look forward to working closely with you to assist in identifying federal opportunities in support of the project. Also I will assist and support efforts underway to obtain public funding from other levels of government as well.

We will focus on capital support for the development phase of the project and programmatic support for the operational phase of the project

I look forward to the groundbreaking for this historic and exciting project.

Sincerely,



Danny K. Davis
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