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Public Housing Museum
c/o The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
203 North Wabash, Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Ms. Beverly and Mr. Bonner:

As Chairman of the Illinois Arts Council, I am pleased to write today in support of the Public Housing Museum.

The Illinois Arts Council appreciates, respects, and is committed to supporting the rich diversity of the arts and culture in Illinois. We believe the Public Housing Museum carries great promise as a new cultural institution and historic site in the Land of Lincoln.

Public housing has had a profound impact on hundreds of thousands of Americans throughout the 20th century, including many Illinois artists. By featuring a gallery space for special exhibits and affirming the important role of the arts through the lives of residents, the Public Housing Museum will foster a deeper understanding of the vitality of our creative spirit and the pathways through which that creativity is channeled by and to the people of Illinois. In addition, the proposed programs aimed at building civic engagement in surrounding communities will ensure that residents of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to participate in, and experience, the arts and culture.

Further testament to the public value of this project is the exciting cross-section of civic, nonprofit, academic, philanthropic, corporate communities the museum has brought together in collaboration, partnership, and support.

The Public Housing Museum is an important historic and cultural undertaking. I wish you the best on your progress, and look forward to the day when your vision becomes reality.

Sincerely,

Shirley R. Madigan
Chairman, Illinois Arts Council