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March 25, 2021

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Legislators,

On behalf of the City of Columbia Heights, we recommend inclusion of Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) in their funding request of \$1.5 million dollars for the acquisition, construction and equipment needed for the development of a new food shelf. The total estimated cost of the SACA project is \$3 million. We fully support their decision and proposed plan to construct a new food shelf and thrift store.

The City of Columbia Heights is excited to have SACA increase their capacity at their proposed new location. The plan for a larger community food shelf, warehouse, and community center will provide a one-stop shop for our neighbors to receive critical services in a location that meets them where they are.

This new site will add 5 livable wage jobs, and the new building will double SACA's current size to meet a 35% increase in community demand for food shelf and food delivery services. In 2020, the number of senior food deliveries and food shelf visits was approximately 16,000, a 35% increase over 2019.

We anticipate that our community's food security needs will grow as we face the slow economic recovery due to the public health crisis of COVID-19. We look forward to the future partnership between our City and SACA to lift up our residents to meet their basic needs.

Sincerely,

Kelli J. Bourgeois  
City Manager

# REUTERWALTON

March 25, 2021

Dear Legislators,

On behalf of Reuter Walton Development, we recommend inclusion of Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) in any state finance proposal and their funding request for \$1.5 million dollars for acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment of a new food shelf toward their \$3 million project. We fully support their decision and plan to construct a new food shelf and thrift store.

Reuter Walton Development is excited to have SACA increase their capacity at their proposed new location. The plan for a larger community food shelf, warehouse and community center will provide a one stop shop for our neighbors to receive critical services in a location that meets them where they are. We value the large community input they have received and will use in their design and construction.

This new site will add 5 livable wage jobs, and the new 12,000 Sq. Ft. site will double SACA's current size to meet 35% increase in community demand for food shelf and food delivery services. In 2020, the number of senior food delivery and food shelf visits was approximately 16,000 a 35% increase over 2019.

We anticipate our community needs to grow as we face the slow economic recovery due to the public health crisis of COVID-19. We look forward to the future partnership between our organization and SACA to lift up our communities to meet their basic needs.

Sincerely,



Nick Walton  
President  
Reuter Walton Development

# St. Matthew Lutheran Church

*Known by LOVE Live by FAITH A Voice of HOPE*

PASTOR

William Hugo

March 29, 2021

Dear Legislators,

COORDINATOR OF MUSIC

Carol Blase

On behalf of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, we recommend inclusion of Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) in any state finance proposal and their funding request for \$1.5 million dollars for acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment of a new food shelf toward their \$3 million project. We fully support their decision and plan to construct a new food shelf and thrift store.

COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Brenda Hugo

DIRECTOR OF TEEN MINISTRIES

Faustina Allen

St. Matthew has a long and fruitful partnership with SACA and is excited to have SACA increase their capacity at their proposed new location. The plan for a larger community food shelf, warehouse and community center will provide a one stop shop for our neighbors to receive critical services in a location that meets them where they are. We value the large community input they have received and will use in their design and construction.

PASTORAL CARE ASSISTANT

Sarai Kretschman

PARISH NURSES

Kathy Rosenberg

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OFFICE MANAGER

Julie Allen

DAVID'S CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR

Julie Sventek

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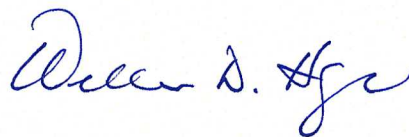
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Martin Cornes

Sincerely,

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Rev. William D. Hugo