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Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
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Foundation for Louisiana
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Global Green USA
Green Coast Enterprises
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Historic Restoration, Inc.
Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans (HBA)
Iberia Bank
Jericho Road, Episcopal Housing Initiative
Jerusalem Economic Development Corporation (JEDC)
Louisiana Appleseed
Louisiana Association of Affordable Housing Providers (LAAHP)
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO)



Louisiana Homebuyer Education Collaborative
Louisiana Housing Alliance (LHA)
Lower 9th Ward (NENA)
Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association
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Make It Right
New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity
New Orleans Neighborhood Development Foundation (NDF)
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Operation Comeback
Pontchartrain Park CDC
Preservation Resource Center (PRC)
Project Home Again
Project Homecoming, Inc.
Providence Community Housing
Puentes New Orleans
Rebuilding Together New Orleans
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UNITY of Greater New Orleans
Urban Focus, LLC
Volunteers of America (VOA)
Whitney Bank

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Walter R. Brooks
Executive Director

Regional Planning Commission
10 Veterans Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70124-1162

RE: Letter of Commitment for RPC's Community-Wide Assessment Grant Proposal for Hazardous and Petroleum Contaminated Brownfield Sites

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This letter expresses the support and commitment of the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) for the Regional Planning Commission's (RPC's) Brownfield Redevelopment Program and your 2014 Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant Proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address hazardous and petroleum contaminated sites. RPC has already lead the way in addressing the technical and environmental issues of these former industrial sites in our region that have long sat inactive, and we would like to see your efforts continue. We believe Brownfield Redevelopment is a major tool in bringing many lots in our city back to commerce for affordable housing, as many of these contaminated lots remain in neighborhoods that are continuing to rebuild, as well as in areas that have a growing need for more affordable housing stock

GNOHA is a collaborative formed by the nonprofit housing builders and community development corporations who are working diligently to rebuild the City of New Orleans. GNOHA's mission is to collaborate and support member efforts to build workforce housing for the citizens of the Greater New Orleans area in an ethical and efficient manner. We promote fair housing by engaging the City of New Orleans in a collaborative process that encourages broader community participation and addresses gaps in analysis. We also use best practices to overcome barriers to fair housing. As part of our efforts, we are in the process of creating a 10-year Housing Plan for the city of New Orleans with a comprehensive directory of community resources.

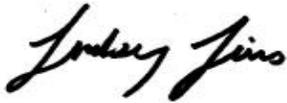
GNOHA is committed to giving the RPC assistance in your Brownfield endeavors including:

- Disseminating general Brownfield and project-specific information to our stakeholders;
- Assisting with identifying sites for redevelopment;
- Providing feedback on redevelopment plans and their impact on affordable housing; and
- Providing access to our robust membership base who can offer guidance and assistance.

We applaud your efforts with Brownfield Remediation thus far and are grateful that this obstacle to affordable housing development in our neighborhoods is being addressed. We hope you are successful in your proposal and are able to continue to restore key Brownfield sites in our region.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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