

## DOWNTOWN AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE | RIVERSIDE CA

June 18, 2018

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RE: Mulberry Village Concept Project

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to the Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA) and explain your project concept for a tiny house project at 2825-2841 Mulberry St. in Riverside.

We understand this project is part of the Housing First Plan adopted by the city. The concept you shared with us includes 9 tiny houses up to 400-500 sq. ft. surrounding a central courtyard. The residents of these homes will be selected from the city's unsheltered community according to the best match for the on-site services provided by the partners. Our organization supports this project as proposed at our June 18, 2018 meeting.

We understand this initial proposal will continue to develop and you have agreed to keep us updated as the project proceeds, especially if the features presented tonight change. In addition, as the project nears construction, please know that many members of DANA would like to participate in the Habitat for Humanity build for this project.

We are happy to work with you and the partners of this project to help make this a model project for the city. Please feel free to visit our web site at DANARiverside.com or attend our monthly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, though we do not meet in the months of July and August.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Chani Beeman, Chair

Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance



## Northside Improvement Association

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This letter serves as the Northside Improvement Association's support for the Village on Mulberry project in the Northside neighborhood. Homelessness is rampant across southern California and the City of Riverside is working to find creative solutions. The Village on Mulberry, proposed to house 8-10 homeless persons in tiny houses, is a step in the right direction. With security and maintenance provisions, the sight would not impinge on existing developments nor would it become a nuisance to the surrounding area. This type of housing concept puts Riverside at the forefront in solving the critical homelessness problem. This project has our unqualified support.

Thank you.

Pete Wohlgemuth Vice President, Northside Improvement Association