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May 26, 2015

Honorable Dawn Zimmer
Mayor

City of Hoboken
94 Washington Street
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Mayor Zimmer,

On behalf of HOPES Community Action Partnership Incorporated, it is my pleasure to extend our unyielding support to the City of Hoboken's application to the United States Department of Transportation's TIGER grant program. We applaud your leadership in pursuing the Washington Street Revitalization Project and welcome the considerable benefits that the project will create for the low-income residents of our community.

As an active participant in the community-wide planning process for the Washington Street Revitalization Project, we have firsthand knowledge and understanding of the myriad benefits that are expected from this initiative. The Ladders of Opportunity generated by the project will empower our most economically vulnerable residents with expanded access to employment, education and transportation and we are strongly supportive of these anticipated outcomes, which are wholly consistent with our organizational mission and values.

Washington Street is a critical corridor for our community and its vibrancy and sustainability are essential to so many community development outcomes that we work to achieve each and every day. The innovative vision for Washington Street supports the advancement of so many goals and objectives we hold dear. We are highly supportive of this endeavor and are proud to lend our support to your grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ora Welch".

Ora Welch
President/CEO