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Letters of Recommendation

Food Chain Workers Alliance

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August 10, 2015

Presbyterian Self Development of People
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Co-Director of the Food Chain Workers Alliance, a national coalition of worker-based organizations whose members plant, harvest, process, pack, transport, prepare, serve, and sell food, organizing to improve wages and working conditions for all workers along the food chain. We coordinate a worker leadership development program, advocate for better policies and standards, support our member organizations' campaigns, and educate the public about workers in the food system.

The Street Vendor Project is a member of the Food Chain Workers Alliance. Also, the organization's Director, Sean Basinski, is on our Board of Directors.

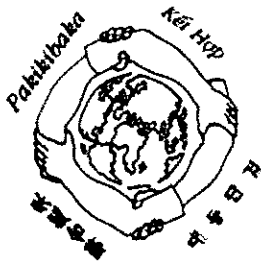
We would like to ask you to support the Street Vendor Project's application for funding from the Presbyterian Self Development of People. We can attest that the Street Vendor Project is a grassroots, member-led organization. The organization is a very strong example of workers from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences coming together to build their collective power and to challenge unjust laws and policies.

We are very impressed by the work the Street Vendor Project has done building a united movement of street vendors and raising awareness about the problems they face on the job. We are glad to have them as members of our alliance, and we value the role they play in broader movements for justice for food workers.

The Street Vendor Project regularly brings staff and member leaders to our nation-wide convenings, they support our joint work, and they help us raise funds for our coalition. They are important partners, and we wish them much success in their efforts to secure a grant from your organization to support their current campaign to legalize vending for the many vendors who cannot currently get the permits they need but who need to sell in the streets in order to provide for themselves and their families.

Sincerely,

Joann Lo
Director



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the New York Workers Center Federation to ask that you provide funding to the Street Vendor Project.

My organization, Enlace, is the fiscal sponsor and a member of the New York Workers Center Federation. The Federation is a group of workers centers and community based organizations that organize low-wage immigrant workers and other workers who have been excluded from the mainstream labor movement. The workers we bring together recognize the power that comes from unity and shared vision. We do joint organizing and leadership development trainings for our members, we support each other's campaigns and mobilizations, and we plan for greater coordination and movement building across grassroots, worker-led organizations in New York City.

The Street Vendor Project is also a founding member of the New York Workers Center Federation and part of the steering committee. They are centrally involved in the Federation and are very valuable partners. The Street Vendor Project's contributions have been essential to the development and growth of the New York Workers Center Federation. We hold many of our meetings at the Street Vendor Project office. Their staff and members play a critical role in planning and preparing for our meetings and trainings. And they do significant work fundraising for the Federation. Additionally, Enlace and the other members of the federation are very excited about and supportive of the Street Vendor Project's campaign to lift the cap on the number of permits available to street vendors. If they win this campaign, it will be a major step forward for workers in New York who do not have access to more formal employment opportunities, and also source of inspiration and learning for other grassroots workers organizations. We are proud to endorse the campaign and are committed to supporting their mobilizations. We hope you will support the Street Vendor Project and their campaign.

If you have any questions about our work with the Street Vendor Project or the work of the New York Workers Center Federation, please feel free to contact me at daniel@enlaceintl.org or 323-303-4434 (Cell).

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Sincerely,
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you to extend my strong support for the Street Vendor Project's request for funding from Presbyterian Self Development of People.

As the City Councilman for Washington Heights, Inwood and Marble Hill, one of the issues of deepest concern to me is the struggles that new immigrants to our city face securing decent employment- employment that will allow them to build a life and a future in the United States for themselves and their families. Groups like the Street Vendor Project play a critical role supporting recent immigrants and are a vital to the success of these communities. I strongly support their effort to expand legal vending in the city and I have committed to stand with them in their struggle and to use my power as a member of the City Council to advance this cause.

Please consider supporting the Street Vendor Project's request for funding. It is very important for our city that they have the funding they need to carry out their important work.

Sincerely yours,

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Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez