January 25, 2015

To Whom it may Concern,

This letter is to show our full support for Justice for My Sister (JFMS) in their endeavors. As Mujeres de Maíz (women of the corn) a grassroots, multimedia women's activist organization based in East Los Angeles, California we are honored to connect, collaborate and build with JFMS. As MdM our mission is to bring together and empower women of diverse ages, cultures and sexualities through the creation of community spaces that provide holistic wellness through education, mentorship, art exhibition & programming, and publishing. We have had the privilege of working closely with Justice for My Sister for over two years. Justice for My Sister’s organizing efforts have centered the topic of healthy relationships and putting an end to gender-based violence through many cinema forums, panel discussions, workshops and trainings. Mujeres de Maíz has been one of JFMS’ main partners in their coordination, outreach, and much-needed programming.

Justice for My Sister’s ability to leverage various sectors, press, and diverse community members is telling of their ability to continue projects for the long-haul. We are currently strategizing youth programs with them throughout Los Angeles. One of the most impressive results of Justice for My Sister’s work is their leadership development. Many of their core members had never organized in an activist capacity before partaking in their programming. They have effectively created safe spaces in their events where participants are moved to not simply attend further programming, but actually become more involved as leaders and organizers. This speaks volumes to the impact of the work that they have produced over the years.

The training manuals, workshop guides, and other educational tools that Justice for My Sister has developed will allow them to continue replicating their work models and products throughout the region and beyond. We are committed to continue and expand our working relationship with Justice for My Sister, to help in the dissemination of their valuable educational materials and arts initiatives. We hope you too can support JFMS in their endeavors and projects.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2013

National Association of Latino Arts and Culture (NALAC)

RE: Justice For My Sister Collective

The Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) is pleased to recommend the artist/activist group, Justice For My Sister Collective (JFMSC), for a NALAC Transnational Cultural Remittance grant.

The JFMSC’s work is known for its ability to: provoke constructive dialogue about domestic and sexual violence; inform women about effective prevention strategies; assist in developing creative solutions to conflict; as well as encouraging viewers to pay attention to socially relevant issues they might have been missed. It has been instrumental in WLCAC achieving its goal to bring more arts to the community.

WLCAC is a community based non-profit organization founded in 1965 with the mission of improving the quality of life for the residents of Watts, South Los Angeles and surrounding communities. WLCAC, founded on the philosophy “Don’t Move, Improve!”, has worked diligently to engage low-income residents in self-determining the vision for their community. Our current social service and economic development programs, which serve more than 25,000 individuals annually include: employment, youth development, childcare and early childhood development; senior services; emergency shelter and homeless assistance; energy conservation, minor home repair; urban greening; arts and culture and other services.

As part of our commitment to the arts, we have several facilities dedicated to multidisciplinary arts: glassblowing, ceramics and silk-screening studios; state of the art video and graphic design labs housed within our Howard Bingham Multimedia Institute; in addition to both permanent and temporary exhibitions in the Watts Museum of Art, History and Culture and the Cecil Fergerson Gallery. The majority of residents in the area have limited access to the arts, so our facilities and arts classes provide much needed exposure for a population that would otherwise be left out. To commemorate our 50th anniversary, we are offering monthly movie night screenings of captivating films with intriguing discussion panels to educate the community about larger societal issues. The JFMSC project which includes screenings, video workshops and theater, aligns with our organizational priorities and I reiterate my strong recommendation for a NALAC Transnational Cultural Remittance grant.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 323-563-5639 or via email at wlcacceo@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Timothy Watkins/President and CEO

"Great things are happening in Watts!"

www.wlcac.org
July 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

*Justice for My Sister Collective*, a project of Community Partners®, has submitted a grant request to your organization. By means of this letter, we wish to indicate our unqualified support for the request as well as to describe in some detail the position of this project in the structure of Community Partners.

Our Board of Directors has approved *Justice for My Sister Collective* as a project of Community Partners, which is a duly registered public charity, exempt from Federal income taxation under Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Community Partners projects have goals that are consistent with our priority of community service innovation. They are approved by the Board, which assumes legal, corporate and fiscal responsibility and becomes responsible for the charitable use of funds by the projects. We select projects led by creative people with bold visions and a strong belief in their ideas. Consequently, we are pleased to have *Justice for My Sister Collective* as part of our organization.

Community Partners supports emerging and ongoing initiatives by providing financial and administrative oversight along with management training and technical assistance. To sustain our operations, we charge our projects an administrative fee based on project revenues. In compliance with IRS and FASB rules, Community Partners retains "variance power," that is, discretion and control over how funds are disbursed and the unilateral right to select the individuals carrying out the work. We assure you that we carefully observe restrictions on grant funds so that they are used for the purposes specified by the funder.

Thank you for considering the application from *Justice for My Sister Collective*. Should an award of grant funds result from this request, checks should be made payable to Community Partners for *Justice for My Sister Collective*. I am the authorized signer for all grant agreements entered into by Community Partners’ projects.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul J. Vandeventer
President & CEO