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To Whom It May Concern:

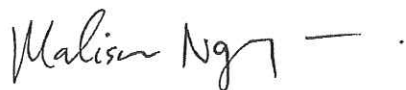
I am writing this letter to express my support of Firehouse Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization that reaches out to diverse groups of at-risk youth in the San Jose community.

Firehouse was founded in 2005 by Executive Director Pastor Sonny Lara with a mission to reduce gang violence among the youth by providing gang intervention, educational and recreational services. His organization is a tremendous asset and is well respected by those he serves as well as the community at large.

Through Pastor Lara's leadership Firehouse provides services in the neighborhoods of San Jose identified as gang hotspots. Firehouse has had a long history of providing activities such as late night recreational programming and job training workshops, particularly in Council District 7. Over the past three years they have served over 1,400 unduplicated youth with exemplary results. They are committed to instilling in the youth the values of self-respect, leadership skills and an overall appreciation for the communities in which they live.

I will continue to support their efforts in the development of these very important gang intervention programs in order to reach out to these high risk families.

Sincerely,



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