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Re: NCI Fund - Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

Based on my experience with Neighborhood Capital Institute (NCI), I am pleased to endorse NCI's work and am eager to see them pursuing the NCI Fund as a way to further their important contributions to urban development.

NCI's involvement was critical in shaping the development opportunities revolving around a new passenger rail station in Moline, Illinois. NCI's vision and approach involved positioning the passenger rail station as part of a larger transit-oriented development "super-block" – anchoring Moline's historic riverfront downtown and building upon its rich history and existing assets while offering opportunities and amenities new to the community.

Public-private partnerships are key to successful transit-oriented development, and facilitating such partnerships is one of NCI's specialties. As a not-for-profit professional entity, NCI is uniquely suited for bringing together public and private sectors. Throughout our planning process, all stakeholders were able to connect with NCI as a neutral broker capable of merging the ideas of residents, public officials, investors and business owners.

Throughout the process I was highly impressed with NCI's commitment to community input and their respect for the area's heritage and sense of place. I am confident NCI's success with Moline can be replicated in other contexts. As a neutral party with a wide depth of expertise, NCI has a distinctive ability to craft the potential of a downtown or community, analyze a neighborhood, and create the most viable return for city blocks or neighborhoods.

Meanwhile their work continues to pay off in various ways. In Moline several other large-scale developments have been directly inspired and informed by NCI's place-based approach. Based on my experience with NCI, I encourage you to support NCI's continuing work through the NCI Fund.

Sincerely,

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