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To Whom It May Concern,

Over the past five years the 13th Street Alliance, Inc. has made a positive impact on the 13 Street business corridor and surrounding residential areas. The 13th Street Alliance covers the area between Sunrise Boulevard and Wilton Manors from Federal Highway on the east all to NW 9th Avenue on the west. We have successfully united the civic associations from these respective neighborhoods and brought the most active citizen volunteers together to create positive change for our neighborhoods and businesses.

Over recent years we have successfully lobbied for the completion of our CRA (Central City CRA), we have earned grants for funds toward infrastructure improvement, our art in public places grant employed local artists, brought revenue to local business and beauty in the form of murals and statues. The Alliance with the help of our core group of citizen volunteers has spent many hours to reduce crime and blight and to bring properties up to code. The Alliance created a pilot program for our business corridor for landscape renovation. We spent over \$5000.00 to match the businesses who took advantage of this program for new landscape. Our volunteers helped to plant and maintain this landscape as well, under the guidance of the Alliance board.

The Alliance is very excited to be working with the city of Fort Lauderdale for another round of beautification and traffic calming. We have agreed to participate fully by offering our time and money for the "Complete Streets" project. Our board has reached agreement to pledge \$5000.00 in cash donations, in-kind donations and sweat equity toward an enhancement project as part of the local match for the 13th Street Complete Streets project to be funded by the Broward County Redevelopment Capital Bank Program

This area has begun organic redevelopment. The 13th Street Alliance is and will continue to work and partner with all interested parties to see successful revitalization of this blighted area.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith, President

Committed to Revitalization of the 13th Street Corridor.