



**Application form:
RTA Community Planning Program and
CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program**

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 29, 2017

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.org/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant

McKinley Park Development Council

2. Main Contact for Application

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3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply)

☐ Local government

☐ Multijurisdictional group* → Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

☒ Nongovernmental organization* → Name of local government partner(s):
12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas
2nd District State Rep Theresa Mah
7th District Commissioner Chuy Garcia

*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information.

Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply)

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project.

- ☒ My project involves preparation of a plan.
- ☐ My project involves updating an already existing plan.
- ☐ My project helps to implement a past plan.
- ☒ My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- ☒ My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- ☐ My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements)

I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

- ☒ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

6. Project Location

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.
see attached

7. Project Description

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. For plan updates please tell us how you will be building upon (or replacing) the previous work. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

see attached

8. Previous Plan Implementation Efforts

Please describe actions you have taken to implement previous plans in your community – whether your efforts were successful or not – to achieve infrastructure improvements, development investment, policy changes, advocacy, volunteer involvement, or other actions. If you do not have experience implementing previous planning work, please describe what you will do to make sure that your plan is implemented. Illustrating a commitment to implement plan recommendations is very important to both agencies as we consider new planning projects.

To our knowledge, McKinley Park has never had a community-based planning process. The McKinley Park Development Council is working to bring the many community groups active in McKinley Park together, to help consolidate and advance the neighborhood's vision.

9. Additional Strategic Partnerships

Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project. Please specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application.

The McKinley Park Advisory Council would work with a diverse group of neighborhood-based and citywide partners, many of whom submitted letters in support of this application. 12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas; State Representative Theresa Mah, and Cook County Commissioner Chuy Garcia, each of whom have offices in McKinley Park, all support the Plan. Neighborhood partners include the McKinley Park Civic Association, McKinley Park Advisory Council, McKinley Park Community Garden, Hoyne Park Advisory Council, 12th Ward IPO and the Aquinas Literacy Center. Citywide partners and resources include the Center for Neighborhood Technology, SOM, and the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

6. Project Location

McKinley Park is a neighborhood and Community Area on Chicago's southwest side, nestled between Pilsen, Bridgeport, Back of the Yards, and Canaryville.

Located, literally, in the geographic center of Chicago, McKinley Park has been at the heart of many of the events that shaped Chicago's identity. It also embodied many of the characteristics that defined Chicago to the world. The first settlers, immigrants from Europe, began arriving in 1836 to dig out the I&M Canal, the waterway that would cement Chicago's status at the center of the nation's transportation networks. Untouched by the Great Fire of 1871, McKinley Park residents turned the swampland known, ironically, as "Mt Pleasant," to an industrial powerhouse, the site of steel and brick fabricators. The confluence of rail lines, the Chicago River/I&M Canal, and a ready supply of labor also drew the Stockyards to the area. In 1905, McKinley Park became the site of the nation's first planned manufacturing district, the Central Manufacturing District. Through the mid-20th Century, 40,000 people were employed in the neighborhood.

Today, while the jobs have mostly gone, McKinley Park residents continue to reflect the spirit of the hardscrabble residents who originally built - and came to define - Chicago. McKinley Park residents are less affluent than Chicago's median,¹ with larger households.² And many McKinley Park residents are new to the country: the Latino and Asian populations are both significantly larger than the City's medians.³

¹ All data is from the 2015 ACS/CMAP Community Data Snapshot, unless otherwise mentioned. In 2014, the median income was \$42,485, compared to Chicago's \$47,831

² Average household size was 3.2, compared to Chicago's average 2.6

³ In 2014, McKinley Park was 18.9% White; 57.7% Latino; 2.7% Black; 19.4% Asian: Chicago is 32.2 White; 28.9% Latino; 31.5% Black and 5.7% Asian

7. Project Description

McKinley Park embodies many of the best things about Chicago neighborhoods: the neighborhood is characterized by a relatively low crime rate⁴; an affordable, owner-occupied housing stock⁵; easy and well-utilized transit⁶, bike, highway, and arterial access to downtown and the region; and a beautiful, beloved park.

But McKinley Park, like the City it's situated in, is at a crossroads: A shortage of quality housing units - and a lack of a retail core, restaurants, gathering and cultural spaces - make the new families moving into the area⁷ less likely to stay. A lack of residential density and a relatively high unemployment rate⁸ makes it hard to support a strong retail base and inhibits community investment. Fears of the two challenges shaping and defining today's Chicago - gentrification and crime - hover around all discussions about the neighborhood's future, and define the neighborhoods to the north and west - Bridgeport and Pilsen - and east and south - Brighton Park and Back of the Yards - respectively.

Recent development proposals - including two large-scale residential developments, one adjacent to the 35th & Archer CTA station and one in the Central Manufacturing District - have highlighted a lack of both a formalized community vision and a community-based forum to evaluate these proposals. The community is tackling the organizational piece: With the Alderman's support, the McKinley Park Development Council will bring together the many active resident-driven groups under one umbrella, and give those groups - and the community at large - a forum to think through the community's future together. What is still missing is the community vision, a Plan!

A Neighborhood Plan would help craft development guidelines that could help prioritize and pursue development that promotes transit-centered residential density; new, innovative jobs; enhanced walkability; ongoing affordability; and much-needed services and amenities to the neighborhood.

A Plan for McKinley Park would have at least four goals, the first three of which would be Land-Use related:

1. Maximize McKinley Park's excellent transit and transportation infrastructure, concentrating residential density around the 35th & Archer train station;
2. Reinvigorate the Central Manufacturing District as a creator and inspirer of modern manufacturing jobs;
3. Revive - or reimagine - the 35th Street Retail Corridor; and
4. Engage the community in a process that will create both common ground and a shared vision for the future.

A Plan could also help to define and prioritize phasing of development in the neighborhood to enable each of the three geographic "nodes" that form the focus of the Plan to complement rather than compete with each other.

⁴ As reported by the Chicago Tribune, as of June 16, 2017, the violent crime per 1,000 people in the past 30 days was 0.4 in McKinley Park, compared to 0.7 for the Chicago average

⁵ In McKinley Park 2013, Chicago Rehab Network data reported the median home cost at \$168,569. 57.7% of units are owner-occupied, compared to Chicago's average 44.7%.

⁶ Unlike in Chicago, the combined number of people who carpool; take transit; or walk/bike to work (3,527) is higher than the number of those who drive alone (3,349).

⁷ McKinley Park's vacancy rate is 8.9%, more than 4 percent lower than the City's rate of 13.6%

⁸ McKinley Park's unemployment rate is 14.0, compared to Chicago's 13.1%

Goal One: Establish Land Use policies that would maximize McKinley Park's excellent transit and transportation infrastructure, concentrating residential density around the underutilized 35th & Archer train station

The western gateway to the neighborhood - the area immediately surrounding the 35th/Archer station on the CTA Orange line - provides a unique opportunity to create a truly transit-oriented development hub. Surrounded on all sides by privately-owned but vacant or underutilized lots, concentrating increased residential density and additional retail services here could provide significant benefits to the neighborhood, including new retail and restaurant uses, increase transit ridership, and improved walkability.

Several development proposals have already been put forth for these parcels, but without a comprehensive vision for the area, it is hard to evaluate the viability and neighborhood fit of these proposals - or to actively pursue others. A recent vacancy in a prominent, glass-fronted storefront across from the train station prompted excitement among residents who speculated it might host the neighborhood's first coffee shop: instead, the new tenant will be another nail salon.

Goal Two: Reinvigorate the Central Manufacturing District as a creator and inspirer of modern manufacturing jobs;

Perhaps the most imposing - and inspiring - of our land-use priorities are the series of early 20th century manufacturing buildings lining Pershing Road. Included on Landmark Illinois' 2014 List of Illinois' Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois, the complex has subsequently been designated a National Historic District. These buildings were part of the first planned manufacturing district in the United States, built in 1905 and originally home to 40,000 jobs in 252 firms, including Wrigley, Ford, Pullman and Westinghouse Electric. The Center for Neighborhood Technology's 2016 report, *Chicago's Central Manufacturing District: the Past and Future of Urban Manufacturing*, made several recommendations for reinvigorating these buildings, and the surrounding neighborhood - with modern industrial uses.

New manufacturing jobs in the Central Manufacturing District could create income and generate support for new retail and restaurants needs in the neighborhood, and would attract new residents to the area.

Many of these properties still have Manufacturing zoning designations, which protect them from residential uses that may dilute or discourage manufacturers to locate there. There is considerable pressure, however, to rezone the parcels for Residential and other less job-intensive uses. And while rezoning may be appropriate in some cases, proceeding with rezonings without considering the implications misses a significant opportunity to reclaim these relatively rare buildings for the next generation of manufacturing, as well as a chance to create and secure new jobs in the neighborhood, and the City.

Goal Three: Revive - or reimagine - the 35th Street Retail Corridor

The 35th Street retail corridor formed, for years, the neighborhood's commercial core. However, it was down-zoned in 2004 from Retail to Residential, and has since struggled to attract and retain walkable retail businesses or restaurants. Once the place where neighbors ran into each other on a Saturday - and residents spent their hard-earned money - 35th Street is now defined by vacancies and papered-over storefronts.

The 35th Street retail corridor would likely be the most challenging to develop, but targeted rezonings and other strategies could bring the walkable goods and services that residents currently lack, and help to support existing businesses. Or, if analysis found that the neighborhood could not support multiple retail corridors, a Plan could help set the next direction for this once-thriving retail strip.

Goal Four: Engage the community in a process that will create both common ground and a shared vision for the future

A planning process could both identify community priorities and needs - and - serve as an end in itself, by bringing together the diverse group of residents who call the neighborhood home, many of whom are new to the neighborhood, and in some cases, to the country.

The concept of Transit Oriented Development would also be a new one for many residents, so an equally important part - or byproduct - of the planning process would be to highlight the benefits of increasing residential density in key places around the neighborhood.

Lacking both a commercial core and shared institutions, the neighborhood provides few settings for its many diverse groups and populations to interact. For example, little is known about how the priorities and preferences of the Chinese community might be served - or not- by the neighborhood. There may also be overlap with the priority and preferences of young families choosing to settle here, or the long-term residents whose children threaten to move to livelier, albeit less affordable, neighborhoods.

One notable exception to the lack of shared institutions is McKinley Park itself - and if the Park is any indication, the neighborhood is hungry to use and interact in and improve our shared space. Other neighborhoods may have explosions of development? McKinley *Park* has experienced an explosion in resident-driven community betterment: In the last five years, the Park has been the setting for a resident-organized, 60-plot Community Garden - with accompanying cocktail parties and garden walks and vermiculture workshops; the creation of a volunteer-run Park Advisory Council, which now hosts a weekly farmers market and has expanded to include a weekly live music concert series; monthly volunteer Stewardship Days; and a Play Garden, which is being installed and fundraised-for by volunteers, with the help of Neighborspace. Other residents are actively organizing for a new dog park. And that's just the organized activities: the park is constantly abuzz with the happy noise of soccer and tai chi; walking clubs and yoga classes; lagoon-fishing and *paleta*-selling; and family gatherings: the park is a hive of activity and the beating heart that keeps keeps the community alive.

Implementation

The McKinley Park Development Council (MPDC) - with local partners including the McKinley Park Civic Association; McKinley Park Community Garden; and McKinley Park and Hoyne Park Advisory Councils - would work with CMAP to craft a Neighborhood Plan from the bottom up, by those of us who live, shop and walk through the neighborhood. MPDC would involve as many people and organizations and businesses as we could in the process. But a plan is also strengthened by the experience and knowledge and analysis of those who've made this their life's work - and for that reason, we would welcome the assistance of CMAP - as well as other partners including the Center for Neighborhood Technology; the Illinois Institute for Technology; & Skidmore Owings & Merrill - whose important work and commitment to reimagining the City's industrial infrastructure we recognize would help light the path to a modern industrial core.

A well-designed planning process at this point in McKinley Park's history could help usher in the next defining event in our neighborhood's history. We would love for you to help us guide that process.

Exhibit A: Support Letters



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June 23, 2017

Tony Manno
Senior Planner
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
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Dear Mr. Manno:

As Alderman of the 12th Ward, I am writing to express my support for the application of a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.

McKinley Park, which is located in the 12th Ward, is on the cusp of several development deals, but does not currently have a Plan that sets design guidelines or development priorities for the neighborhood.

The LTA grant would help fund this critically needed neighborhood plan and provide an invaluable tool to help steer development in a responsible and sustainable direction. A CMAP Plan in McKinley Park could complement and continue those already underway in Chinatown; Pilsen-Little Village; and Englewood.

I ask that you award this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council and help our neighborhood plan for the future.

If we are selected for the grant, my office is committed to working with the Development Council and its partner organizations to develop and implement a Plan.

Thank you for your attention and consideration, and please feel free to contact me or my staff with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alderman George Cardenas, 12th Ward
Chairman, Committee on Health & Environmental Protection



Theresa Mah

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June 23, 2017

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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing to express my support for the McKinley Park Development Council's application to the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant provided by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

McKinley Park is on the cusp of several development proposals. McKinley Park is a thriving community with lots of community residents and leaders who are active and engaged in improving the quality of life of the residents of the neighborhood. However, McKinley Park does not currently have a plan that sets forth guidelines or development priorities for the neighborhood and thus, any recent proposals for development in the community have not been created with the consideration of the community's needs or input.

The LTA grant would help fund this critically needed neighborhood plan and provide an invaluable tool to help steer development in a responsible and sustainable direction. A CMAP Plan in McKinley Park could complement and continue those already underway in Chinatown; Pilsen-Little Village; and Englewood.

I ask that you strongly consider funding the proposal submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.

If they are selected for the grant, my office is committed to working with the Development Council and its partner organizations to develop and implement this plan in McKinley Park. I am also committed to working with the Council to look for matching funds that will meet the required 15% Match, which I understand will likely be around \$15,000.

Thank you for your attention and consideration, and please feel free to contact me or my staff with any questions.

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Theresa Mah, PhD.
IL State Representative
2nd District

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June 19, 2017

Tony Manno
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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing on behalf of the McKinley Park Development Council to express my support for their application as a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant recipient.

As a student of the community planning processes, I am looking forward to the work of the McKinley Park Development Council. Other communities have benefitted from community planning funding, such as recipients of LISC's New Communities Program, that has provided positive avenues for communities to come together to improve the overall quality of life of its residents. McKinley Park's proposal goes steps further, not only do they propose developing plans for reinvigorating commercial and manufacturing corridors, they will also be looking at establishing land use policies to benefit the area and including civic organizations in the community planning process. I respectfully request consideration, and the granting of an award to the McKinley Park Development Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Most respectfully yours

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Jesús G. García

Cook County Commissioner, 7th District

June 14, 2017



Tony Manno
CMAP
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Tony:

The Center for Neighborhood Technology is pleased to endorse the proposal of the McKinley Park Development Council for a CMAP planning grant.

CNT has long felt that McKinley Park has great potential to become a model diverse mixed income community, anchored by the revitalization of its industrial sector. In June, 2016 CNT published *Chicago's Central Manufacturing District: The Past and Future of Urban Manufacturing*, a report on the potential to redevelop the Central Manufacturing District into a state-of-the-art green, vertical, urban industrial park (see URL). The three CMD buildings owned by the City of Chicago together have over 1.5 million square feet of industrial space. They could potentially be the home for scores of companies and hundreds of jobs.

The CMD is across the street from the McKinley Park Community's main public asset, McKinley Park itself. The proposed planning process will focus on the park as a community anchor and meeting place; this locally appreciated but more broadly invisible gem can be a source of increased vitality and pride.

McKinley Park's housing stock is largely well maintained and affordable. Together, the CMD, McKinley Park, and the community's housing stock should be able to spark a revitalization that can serve existing residents, offering them a higher quality of life without a higher cost of living.

CNT urges CMAP to fund this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Stephen A. Perkins, PhD
Vice President

June 23, 2017

Tony Manno
Senior Planner
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Dear Mr. Manno,

I am writing on behalf of the Illinois Institute of Technology's College of Architecture to express support of the application for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council. IIT is a long time contributor to local community projects and planning strategies, as well creative design initiatives in Chicago more broadly. The College of Architecture has also been active in connecting communities through design and has provided the catalyst for projects within the south side community of Bronzeville and beyond.

As a community of educators and practitioners in the city, the College is familiar with the transformations that are happening throughout the city and increasing so on the south side. We share the concerns expressed by the newly formed McKinley Park Development Council that while the neighborhood is strategically positioned for change, McKinley Park development currently operates without master planning vision with guidelines to define standards, sets goals and inspire residents and investment in the neighborhood's future. There are exciting possibilities for design in areas such as the Archer-Orange Line Transit Oriented Development zone or the reinvigoration of the Historic Central Manufacturing District as outlined in the CNT report. The LTA grant would be an important foundation for planning assistance and would provide a critically important tool to guide sustainable development of the community's long-term initiatives.

Please consider awarding this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council as it, and they, will secure a comprehensive plan for the neighborhood's future growth. Your attention and consideration of the application is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



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McKinley Park CMAP

June 20, 2017

Tony Mano
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Re: McKinley Park Development Council LTA

Dear Tony,

The richly diverse and historically solid working-class McKinley Park neighborhood is being “discovered.” It is also rapidly coalescing as a community that values and wants to protect what it has, and is taking a broad-based, hands-on approach to building its future. What it does not have is a plan, the strategic framework for building a consensus vision. It does however have the McKinley Park Development Council, a grounded and sensible nonprofit group of volunteers that includes residents working at the Chicago Department of Planning and IIT’s College of Architecture among its many other committed members. The Council has already established a relationship of mutual respect with their Alderman.

In short, a CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant – along with ongoing CMAP consultation – will enable McKinley Park to develop the community-based plan needed to manage rapidly emerging growth as well as to preserve and enhance its distinctive (and historic) character.

After being the founding executive director of World Business Chicago, I have been an urban strategist in the City Design Practice of SOM for the past several years. Wearing both hats, if you will, I participated in the Center for Neighborhood Technology’s effort to reimagining the Central Manufacturing District. That made me familiar with McKinley Park, its assets and its potential for growth and development.

I am writing to strongly urge your favorable consideration of the community’s capacity-building application. If the next few years slip away without a plan, it could already be too late for this quintessentially Chicago neighborhood. In addition to the grant, I recommend this effort as a priority initiative of CMAP program staff.

With thanks for your favorable consideration and best regards,

Paul O’Connor
City Design Practice



June 23, 2017

Tony Manno
Senior Planner
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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing on behalf of the McKinley Park Advisory Council to express our support for the application for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.

Although our neighborhood stands on the cusp of major proposed development, McKinley Park does not currently benefit from contemporary urban planning that defines standards, sets goals and results in the best possible outcomes for the neighborhood. The LTA grant would help fund this critically needed neighborhood plan and provide an invaluable tool to help steer development in a responsible and sustainable direction.

Please award this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council and help our neighborhood plan for the future. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica O'Malley
President
McKinley Park Advisory Council



Hoyne Park Advisory Council

3417 South Hamilton Avenue
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President: Darrell Daulton
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June 20, 2017

Tony Manno
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Dear Mr. Manno,

On behalf of the Hoyne Park Advisory Council, I am writing to express our support for the application for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.

Although our neighborhood stands on the cusp of major proposed development, McKinley Park does not currently benefit from contemporary urban planning that defines standards, sets goals and results in the best possible outcomes for the neighborhood. The LTA grant would help fund this critically needed neighborhood plan and provide an invaluable tool to help steer development in a responsible and sustainable direction.

Please consider awarding this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council to help our neighborhood plan for the future.

Sincerely,

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Julie M. Terrazas
Vice President
Hoyne Park Advisory Council

McKINLEY PARK
COMMUNITY GARDEN

June 23, 2017

Tony Manno
Senior Planner
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Dear Mr. Manno,

As President of the McKinley Park Community Garden, I am writing to voice our support of the application for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant, as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.


Our neighborhood is on the verge of blossoming with opportunities for development and improvement. We feel that it is essential that members of our community be involved to help tend this growth, and to cultivate a culture of respect and long-term sustainability. An LTA grant would empower our Development Council to form a much-needed neighborhood plan.

I implore you to award this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council.

If selected for the grant, members of the garden are committed to working with the Council to meet the required 15% match.

Your attention is very much appreciated. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Nicholas N. Efrosinis

Acting Community Garden President/12th ward Resident



June 23, 2017

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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing on behalf of the Aquinas Literacy Center to express our support for the application of a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.

Although our neighborhood stands on the cusp of major proposed development, McKinley Park does not currently benefit from contemporary urban planning that defines standards, sets goals and results in the best possible outcomes for the neighborhood. The LTA grant would help fund this critically needed neighborhood plan and provide an invaluable tool to help steer development in a responsible and sustainable direction.

Please award this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council and help our neighborhood plan for the future. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alison Altmeyer

Alison Altmeyer
Executive Director
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June 23, 2017

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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing on behalf of the 12th Ward Independent Political Organization (IPO) to express our support for the application for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant as submitted by the McKinley Park Development Council.

Although our neighborhood stands on the cusp of major proposed development, McKinley Park does not currently benefit from contemporary urban planning that defines standards, sets goals and results in the best possible outcomes for the neighborhood. The LTA grant would help fund this critically needed neighborhood plan and provide an invaluable tool to help steer development in a responsible and sustainable direction.

Please award this grant to the McKinley Park Development Council and help our neighborhood plan for the future. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Drew Jr.
12th Ward IPO

Exhibit B: Locator Map

