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## ***“Moving Our Community Forward”***

July 18, 2021

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Miami Lakes, Florida 33016

Dear Ms. MacNamara:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative (79<sup>th</sup> Street Initiative) to express our genuine appreciation for BankUnited’s commitment to investing in our economically challenged community.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Street Initiative’s target area is one of the most challenged communities in Miami Dade County. Over the past 20 years, we have worked hard to stabilize the community and attract resources to improve the area’s quality of life. Since Bank United began supporting our efforts, we have been able to propel our revitalization work to a much higher level.

For example, our board of directors needed more higher quality members. So, when Katrina Wright –a representative of BankUnited-- joined our board, we were able to attract other high quality board members because of her solid community reputation. Another example is Bank United’s support of our small and micro business community. We serve hundreds of small businesses that need considerable support to survive and grow. Once Bank United became a

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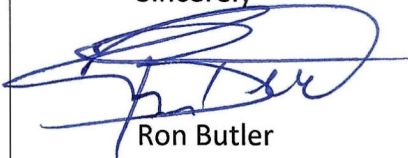
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funder, we were able to attract other funding and provide more strategic TA and training for low/mod income business owners and entrepreneurs. Finally, and most recently, we asked for BankUnited's support with a large community development project. The redevelopment project will create good jobs for low/mod-income residents and help spur economic development in our community. But we needed strong legal support to advance our negotiations with public and private groups. BankUnited stepped in and helped us secure a high-end legal firm to assist with negotiating a master development agreement with our county government and a private developer. Without BankUnited's support, we would still be struggling to move this project forward and would not have been able to secure the community benefits we needed.

In summary, the 79th Street Initiative has been and continues to be pleased with BankUnited's support. BankUnited has been the kind of close-in partner a small community organization needs to advance their work and change lives in under-served communities. We feel extremely fortunate to have a partner like BankUnited.

Sincerely



Ron Butler

Executive Director



July 26, 2021

Tiffany Adkinson  
Community Development & Outreach  
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**Re: Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay-Safe and Healthy Homes Program**

Dear Tiffany:

On behalf of Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay's (RTTB) Board of Directors and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Bank United for your generous contribution in the amount of \$[REDACTED]. This contribution will go towards providing safe, healthy, and affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate-income families and individuals in the Tampa Bay area.

It is our commitment to continue delivering programs and services that respect the integrity and strengthen lives, homes and communities.

Without partners like Bank United, it would be difficult for us to deliver our mission and keep our commitment to homeowners and communities in need. Your support will assist us to improve the living conditions of low-income residents, create affordable housing and job opportunities in the construction field.

We look forward to working with Bank United as we continue delivering revitalization efforts in greater Tampa Bay.

Once again, thank you!

Sincerely,

*Jose Garcia*

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