

January 11, 2018

To whom it may concern,

On January 8, 2018, I submitted a request on behalf of the United Way of Douglas County for our agency to be considered as a Community Partner of the City of Lawrence Affordable Housing Advisory Board. The United Way of Douglas County focuses on health, education and financial stability. These three focus areas impact most families living in Lawrence in some capacity.

We believe that our organization can assist in addressing the affordable housing issue, as well as the other issues that collaterally impact housing. Our Financial Stability focus area provides support to agencies that work directly to address the housing needs of members of our community. At the United Way of Douglas County, we see our role as an advocate for our partner agencies and the families and individuals they serve. We believe we can garner support to help bring additional awareness to this issue and possibly resources. We are interested in advocating in the areas of public policy related to housing as well as identifying national evidence-based housing models from United Way World Wide and other sources that could help our city move the needle on affordable housing.

We submit this formal request to be considered for the City of Lawrence Affordable Housing Advisory Board. The United Way of Douglas County respects any decision made and will continue to support organizations and families dealing with the issue of affordable housing. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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