



GRANDVIEW
HIGH SCHOOL

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RE: SOC

Dear Committee Members

While I am unable to attend the CBGF Hearing tonight due to other obligations, I still wanted to share my experience with Clarissa and SOC. SOC has been a strong community partner and resource for Grandview High School located on 13th and Cleveland. We have partnered with them to do city cleanups during Earth Week, have been supported by them with help in addressing the ongoing issues of garbage that had been negatively impacting the neighborhood, and to keep abreast of any changes on our block that would directly affect my students. Additionally, when opportunities for our students arise, I am immediately made aware so that I may offer them to our students who need to complete volunteer hours or need resources to positively impact their lives.

Clarissa and SOC have consistently demonstrated a strong community presence that helps to organize and support residents and businesses seeking to take part in creating strong, safe neighborhoods. I have immense appreciation for SOC who takes on this advocacy and organizational role. They have been invaluable in creating a streamlined process that provides access and opportunities for volunteering and resources that I do not always have the time to cultivate. They are extremely responsive and timely in helping us to support any initiatives and improvements they are striving to implement. I can't imagine not having the full array of resources that they provide to our community during such a concerning time for the city. They embody the call to action with a strong passion for creating the city in which we all want to live and grow. Their energy and enthusiasm is contagious. I feel very fortunate to have developed the partnership that we have and look forward to many more years of working together to create the change that my students and families desperately need.

Thank you for taking the time that allowed me to share my strong support of SOC. Have a wonderful evening.

Warmly,

Debi Harry, Principal