

To whom it may concern,
10/17/2025

I am writing this letter to share the significant and lasting benefits that the SOC youth program brings to young people in our community.

SOC provides a safe and supportive environment where youth can thrive through structured activities mentorship, and opportunities for skill development. SOC is cultivating confidence in capable young leaders who are prepared to make a positive impact in the community and beyond.

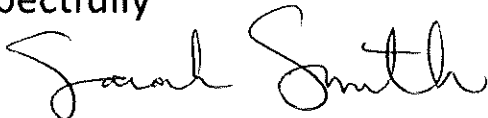
My children have benefited immensely from the SOC youth program. Some of the things I've noticed that my own children gained are social and emotional growth, academic success, leadership and civic engagement and how to help build stronger communities.

SOC has given my children Isaiah & Isabelle Smith the tools to become great leaders!

I'd also like to take the time to speak about our South Of The Tracks Polonia Group. It empowers the residence, helps lower crime, and creates awareness in our community. I see great things happening through the South Of The Tracks Polonia Group created by SOC.

Thank you all for your time

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sarah Smith

To whom it may concern

10/21/2025

My name is John Lewis Guerrero

I've been a resident of the Historic Mitchell St Neighborhood for the last 25 yrs.

I've also resided in the same house at 1901 S 10th St for that same amount of time.

Throughout the years I've seen crime in my neighborhood grow immensely.

I've also witness landlords neglect their rental properties while raising rents. I've always wanted to speak on behalf of people in my community and be a part of a neighborhood association. Unfortunately we've never had one in the Historic Mitchell St Neighborhood.

We only have a Business Improvement District. I didn't know where to begin on starting a neighborhood association. During this past summer while volunteering at a Farmers market I met Stacy Carlos while she was representing SOC at a Community Partners table. She explained how she works with neighborhoods to create a safe, livable, and economically vibrant community. I mentioned to her that I was interested in starting a neighborhood association in the Historic Mitchell St Neighborhood. She said she's been working with other home owners in my neighborhood that would also like to start an association. That conversation was 2 months ago. As of Oct 25 we will have our first meet and greet at the Mitchell St Library. We officially started our Historic Mitchell St Neighborhood Association. I'm so thankful for Stacy Carlos and the Southside Organizing Center. I'm so appreciative that they are teaching me how to be a voice for my community.

Sincerely thankful

John L Guerrero