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Florida Redevelopment Association P.O. Box 1757 301 South Bronough Street, Suite 300, FL 32302-1757

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the City of Lake Worth, I am pleased to endorse the application submitted by the Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Association for recognition under the 2018 Florida Redevelopment Association Redevelopment Awards Program for the best new "Transportation/Transit Enhancements" project. The Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency was an invaluable partner with the City in securing \$729,512 in Federal Highway Administration Transportation Alternatives Program grant funding through the Florida Department of Transportation's Local Agency Program for the development of the Royal Poinciana Trail at 5th Avenue Trail project.

This project entailed the installation of a shared use concrete path over a five block span in the previously unimproved right-of-way of 5th Avenue South for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. The newly installed trail provides residents with a scenic and safe route to Lake Worth High School and Memorial Park that was not before possible given the conditions presented by the unimproved right-of-way that was characterized by overgrown weeds, sugar sand, trash and broken bottles. No longer do residents - school children, in particular - have to travel along the busy and dangerous 6th Avenue South roadway to reach these destinations. It should be further noted that this recently completed project came in months ahead of schedule and well under budget.

It is my sincere hope that this application receives all due consideration for this award as I have no doubt of the positive outcomes it has produced for our community. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Mayor