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Partnership with Chicago Housing Authority
Supporting Access to Career Pathways for CHA Residents and Relocatees

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS That a partnership initiative has been presented to City Colleges of Chicago (CCC), by The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and

That The Chicago Housing Authority's Plan for Transformation is a blueprint for positive change. Under the Plan, the CHA will improve the appearance, quality and culture of public housing in Chicago. It is positive change that will reinvent public housing in Chicago.

And that the CHA's Plan for Transformation is much more than bricks and mortar. It also attempts to build hope and opportunity for residents, as well. As part of the Plan, the CHA

Desires to partner with City Colleges of Chicago and establish effective linkages to CCC to provide career pathways with some customized programs including Career Bridges for CHA residents toward sustainable jobs to support themselves and their families. The partnership will create a continuum of education/ training that will support CHA residents in advancing over time to progressively higher levels of employment.

And that this self-sufficiency objective is also reflected in the CHA occupancy rules that residents must follow to rent a unit in many of the CHA's future mixed-income communities.

And that CCC is committed to partnering with CHA as the linchpin in educational pathways for CHA residents and voucher holders, that lead to well-paying careers in industries of economic importance to the Chicago metropolitan area.

And that CCC and CHA will enter into a financial agreement providing for delivery of educational services.

And that The CHA's Plan for Transformation represents a new beginning for public housing in Chicago. It's an opportunity for CCC to support CHA's vision to change the stigmas of the past, and create a new culture of success and hope.

Therefore,

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RECOMMENDS That CCC enter into a partnership with CHA to provide career pathways for CHA residents and with a financial agreement to support the costs.

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