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Victory Youth Centers, Inc.
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As Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, it is my pleasure to indicate enthusiastic support for the building of a community center. The center will be built by Victory Youth Centers, Inc., a non-profit organization on the vacant lot next to St. Thomas More Parish in Ward 8. There is widespread support for this center in the community. It will be a special advantage to at-risk youth in the neighborhood. These advantages will be realized through sports related programming such as neighborhood basketball leagues and tutoring and mentoring programs. The wider community including adults and senior citizens will also benefit through programs such as parenting classes, GED classes, computer and vocational classes, public meeting spaces to include ANC neighborhood meetings, PSA 709 meetings, as well as theater and drama.

There is great need in this community for such a community center and it will provide great benefit. The center can also be an important part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund promised by the Mayor and City Council and currently before the City Council for final approval. I am happy to lend my support to the Community Center project.

Sincerely,

Mr. O.V. Johnson
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