

To: Council President Alborno and Councilmember Friedson
Councilmember Katz and Councilmember Navarro
Re.: Casa Rubén, Inc./ Mobile Medical Unit

I am Libby Arcia-Hird, former Executive Director of Centro de la Comunidad, Inc., and a volunteer with Casa Ruben. It is with great joy and hope that I submit this testimony to uphold Casa Ruben's application for support in its quest to provide Mobile Pediatric Services to needy communities.

Under Dr. Ligia Peralta's leadership, Casa Ruben has provided exceptional medical care and needed services to families who otherwise could not afford such care. I have witnessed Dr. Peralta's exemplary professionalism, and compassion as she helps families in need understand the medical issues they face, the necessary treatment required, and go the many additional miles to obtain sometimes the impossible in terms of medicines and support for the patients and their families.

Casa Ruben fills a large gap in needed services in the community, particularly serving those with limited resources and access. Investing in a mobile pediatric unit to be operated via Casa Ruben will prove to be a wonderful means to provide access to services otherwise unattainable be many families. I wholeheartedly support this request.

Sincerely,

Maria Arcia-Hird