

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
KANSAS CITY GREEN IMPACT ZONE  
NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE**

Whereas, the Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II has initiated a Green Impact Zone within Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Green Impact Zone is intended to transform the neighborhoods between 39<sup>th</sup> Street, 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Troost Ave, Prospect and Swope Parkway; and

Whereas, the Green Impact Zone will succeed only if the neighborhood associations and community development organizations within the zone work closely together and are able to guide the initiative;

Therefore, the Green Impact Zone neighborhood associations and community development corporations are forming the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance with the following mission:

*The mission of the Green Impact Zone Neighborhood Leadership Alliance is to work in partnership with each other and with other community partners to make the Green Impact Zone a success and assure that residents of the zone are full participants in the management and benefits of the zone.*

(Partner Organization) determined that it desires to become a partner in the Green Impact Zone Neighborhood Leadership Alliance and therefore is entering this Memorandum of Understanding with the Alliance and its fellow partners.

**Benefits**

The partner organization is joining this alliance through this Memorandum of Understanding because it anticipates the following benefits for its organization and the community it serves:

- Ⓢ The Alliance will expand the availability of housing and social services to residents of the neighborhoods and the Green Impact Zone
- Ⓢ The Alliance will assure that the decisions about programs and activities that impact the Green Impact Zone will be made by residents of the zone or their neighborhood representatives
- Ⓢ The Alliance will promote neighborhood-based decision-making and neighborhood engagement on matters affecting the community
- Ⓢ The Alliance will promote the strengthening of neighborhood organizations and other community-based organizations to provide long-term engagement, problem solving, and advocacy capacity for the community

## Partner Obligations

By executing this Memorandum of Understanding the partner organization assumes the following obligations in support of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance and its mission:

- Ⓢ Offer the name of its organization in public support of the Alliance and the Green Impact Zone and its activities
- Ⓢ Be actively engaged in Green Impact Zone activities, problem-solving, and decision-making
- Ⓢ Appoint a board member or other significant representative to the Alliance steering committee
- Ⓢ Commit to the following guiding principles of the alliance:
  - Each member of the Alliance is an equal voice within the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance
  - Work toward consensus decisions when at all possible
  - All Alliance decisions will be made jointly
  - Support Alliance decisions made by the steering committee
  - Respect each member of the alliance as an independent organization
  - Each member of the Alliance will take into account the needs and wishes of the Alliance as well as its own organization when making individual organization decisions
  - All actions and discussions will be transparent

## Alliance Obligations

The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance partners commit to operate in accordance with the above obligations and guiding principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement

PARTNER ORGANIZATION

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_