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To Whom It May Concern:

The attached proposal was prepared by Mike Evans, Founder and Executive Director of Full Court Peace, a Norwalk-based nonprofit.

Full Court Peace's EIN is 27-1107358, and it is governed by a Board of Directors, all of whom are volunteers. Its mission is to unite, strengthen and educate local and global communities through basketball.

All financial proceeds raised by Full Court Peace for this project, including gifts in kind, will be donated to the **City of Stamford, CT**, in the form of a basketball court refurbishment at the streets of Pacific and Henry, on the city's southside. Full Court Peace will provide insurance certificates for whatever standard the City requires for this project.

This project includes gifts in kind from Accumark - in both materials and labor - a parking lot painting and repair company based in Stamford. All other materials and labor will be donated and provided by Full Court Peace.

Should you have any questions regarding this project, the legal standing of the organization or about its Board Members, please contact Board Chair, John Librie, at john.librie@fullcourtpeace.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, The Full Court Peace Team info@fullcourtpeace.org



Proposal for Basketball Court Refurbishment/Enhancement Pacific and Henry Streets, South End of Stamford, CT

Overview

Full Court Peace, a Norwalk-based, registered 501(c)3 organization, seeks permission from the City of Stamford to make cosmetic improvements to the pair of basketball courts located at Pacific and Henry Streets.

Organization History

Full Court Peace (FCP) was founded in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where it used basketball to unite rivaling Catholic and Protestant teenage boys; since 2009, FCP has run 42 basketball diplomacy trips to Havana, Cuba, where visiting Americans paint and cement-patch basketball courts and help establish basketball leagues for local Cubans. In 2018, FCP pioneered similar work in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Finally, FCP has resurrected seven basketball courts in Connecticut Housing Authority Projects, including in Danbury, Bridgeport and Norwalk. The mission of the organization is to **unite and strengthen local and global communities through basketball**.

Stamford Project - History of Success

FCP, in conjunction with BLT, organized a three-month basketball league for young men at the Lathon-Wider Gym in January, February and March of 2017. 60 men participated, forming eight different teams and playing in a 10-game season with a playoff and championship. Since then, the community has been asking for more opportunities.

With an improvement to the outdoor facility, Full Court Peace hopes to:

- Provide a space for local boys/girls/men/women to enjoy both organized and casual basketball experiences on an updated and safe facility.
- Host tournaments for youth from all of Stamford, as well as neighboring towns.
- Use basketball to unite both new and long-standing residents and business owners, so as to increase communication and understanding across racial and socioeconomic lines.

Stamford Project - Narrative of Attached Budget

Totaling just under \$20,000, this project will be *fully funded by Full Court Peace* and its donor base. We do not expect any financial support from the City. We'd like to:

- Widen both courts to standard size (currently 27 feet, they need to be closer to 40 feet)
- Remove current baskets and replace them with indestructible baskets provided by Sport Court of Connecticut
- Fix all cracks and re-seal the surface (all related expenses provided by Accumark of Stamford)
- Paint the keys and half-court circles with bright colors.
- Provide another soccer goal for additional community members' enjoyment



Budget

| Item | Volume | Value | Total | Notes |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|---|
| Baskets (includes nets, rims) | 4 | \$3,000 | \$12,000 | Includes excavation and removal of current baskets. |
| Paint (cans) | 20 | \$30 | \$600 | Tennis court stain, ensures no-slip surface. |
| Insurance | 1 | \$500 | \$500 | City of Stamford will be additionally insured on FCP's general liability policy |
| Crack repair, floor resealed | 1 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 | In-kind donation from Stamford company Accumark |
| Soccer goal | 1 | \$500 | \$500 | |
| Total | | | \$19,600 | |

View of proposed changes

- Proposed new boundaries of court are in red dots
- Court on bottom of picture needs to be moved WEST (toward current empty space) to accommodate regulation size court (or close to it)
- Court on top will not move its top (or eastern) boundary, but it will extend onto the current bottom (or western) court by 8 or 9 feet.
- Bottom court must also move SLIGHTLY north (or to the right) to give more clearance from the gymnasium (safety reasons)
- Soccer goal will match the current one and will be 10 feet or more from end of basketball court.



Full Court Peace's IRS Determination Letter

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OH 45201 Employer Identification Number: AUG 0 1 2014 27-1107358 DLN: 17053213313033 Contact Person: FULL COURT PEACE C/O MICHAEL EVANS CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954 Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 9-11 WALL ST STE 304 NORWALK, CT 06850 Accounting Period Ending: October 31 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) Form 990 Required: Yes Effective Date of Exemption: March 15, 2012 Contribution Deductibility: Addendum Applies: Yes Dear Applicant: We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records. Organizations exempt under section $501(c)\,(3)$ of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements. Director, Exempt Organizations Letter 947