

September 9, 2016

Mr. Henry Thompson, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
Community Health Center of Richmond, Inc.
439 Port Richmond Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10302

Re: Support for Community Health Center of Richmond, Inc. Grant Proposal for Service Area
Competing (HRSA-17-052)

Dear Mr. Thompson;

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant proposal of the Community Health Center of Richmond (CHCR), Inc., for Service Area Competing (HRSA-17-052).

Health and wellness has been a focus for my administration since I took office in January of 2014. While my office can have but limited impact in this area, one thing I can do is advocate for our non-profit health care service providers, of which CHCR is one of the most important.

CHCR provides services to Staten Island's low income, working poor, and medically underserved residents regardless of ability to pay or immigration status. Many Staten Islanders face barriers to accessing primary health care, and If DHCR is awarded this grant, they will facilitate the delivery of comprehensive primary health care and supportive service for these and all people of Staten Island.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my strong support for CHCR and for their grant application for funding from the DHHS/Bureau of Primary Health Care.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

