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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (CIRA) in their proposal for the MyCity Greater Omaha (MyCity GO) Immigrant & Refugee Leadership Academy. I strongly support this project and the opportunity it provides to foster a more welcoming and inclusive Omaha.

Omaha has a rapidly growing and diverse immigrant and refugee population, yet many leaders lack access to civic education, leadership development, and cross-sector networks that would enable them to fully participate in shaping our community. This project will help cultivate a stronger, more connected civic landscape by equipping immigrant and refugee leaders with the knowledge, skills, and relationships needed to participate fully in shaping our city's future. MyCity GO participants will deepen their understanding of local systems, build confidence in their leadership abilities, and expand their networks across sectors. In doing so, the program will strengthen social cohesion, increase community problem-solving capacity, and advance shared prosperity and belonging for all Omaha residents.

The Greater Omaha Chamber has long been recognized as a regional leader in leadership development and community-building, working to foster a sense of belonging and inclusive growth across Omaha. CIRA, a nonprofit immigration law firm and federally recognized refugee resettlement agency, brings deep expertise in serving immigrant and refugee communities through legal representation, resettlement services, and social-work support. The two organizations share a goal of building a more welcoming and inclusive city. This shared vision, together with their complementary strengths, provides a strong foundation for a successful program supporting immigrant and refugee leadership in Omaha.

I am honored to submit this letter and look forward to supporting the viability of the MyCity GO Academy.

Sincerely,

  
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