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Office of Governor/Mayor XXXX

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RE: Project: *'Change Brings Hope'* to help the Homeless

Dear XXXX:

My name is (YOUR NAME HERE) and I am a resident of (THE NAME OF THE CITY WHERE YOU LIVE). (ADD ANY CREDENTIALS YOU MAY HAVE/VOLUNTEERING ETC.)

This letter is about a proposal I have for a project entitled *'Change Brings Hope – Helping the Homeless'* that will enhance the appearance of the City, as well as curb the growing homeless population. Similar projects have been successful in several cities, as noted below.

The purpose of the program is to provide employment through the City, for those who are homeless, while at the same time, guiding the homeless population to available services for: mental health, housing, substance abuse and medical care.

Successful projects have been put in place in:

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Fort Worth, Austin, and Amarillo Texas

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

San Diego, California

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Portland, Maine

Spokane, Washington

Chicago, Illinois

Because of programs like this, many homeless people have been given an opportunity at a new life, they may never have had. And, at the same time, helped beautify the city in which they reside. This type of program is a win-win for everyone involved.

The City of Albuquerque was able to budget \$181,000 for their Homeless project in 2017, after having budgeted over the years for the project at a mere \$50,000. This was accomplished through a grant obtained via a homeless provider and family community services.

Note: I have been in contact with Alan B. Armijo, Director of Constituent Services Office of the Mayor, Albuquerque, New Mexico where a successful program has been in operation. This program has been used as a pilot for other cities. Mr. Armijo is willing to consult with other cities—see the details under **Contact** in the suggested project outline.

Enclosed please find an outline for the project I have entitled '*Change Brings Hope – Helping the Homeless*'.

I sincerely hope you give '*Change Brings Hope – Helping the Homeless*' your strongest consideration. The issue of homelessness continues to grow, as does the need to maintain the integrity and beauty of the City to attract steady tourism dollars. The goal of this project is to help get the homeless off the streets and back into society as functioning participants, while at the same time improving the appearance of the City.

'Change Brings Hope – Helping the Homeless' can offer someone hope in what they feel is a hopeless situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(YOUR SIGNATURE)