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City of Madison Staff Community Building and Engagement

Re: Progress Center for Black Women Proposal

Dear City Staff:

I am pleased to add my enthusiastic support for those who also write or appear before you in favor of the proposal submitted by the Progress Center for Black Women, and Sabrina Madison. I know of few other people in this community over the past decade who have garnered the interest, support and following that Sabrina Madison has claimed.

In her own Community of Women of Color she is unique as an articulate and passionate spokeswoman for those who she has seen long lacking such voice and empowerment. Because of her awareness, first hand and personally of the needs she has been viewed as an immediate ally who can understand the issues being faced, and speaks of the hope and promise that can come from working as a community.

Transformational Leadership and growth for women and the Communities in which they live and work is what she is about. Her credentials are without question. Her passion is without limit. And her support from both women and men, communities of color and allies outside of the Community is second to none.

I recommend her wholeheartedly for this grant, this work and her total commitment to others. I stand ready to assist her, as I have many times before. I hope you will engage her in this role.

Betty Harris Custer