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From: Denise Thornton Mjelde <dtmjelde@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Item 63217, Center for Black Excellence & Culture (CBEC)

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Good afternoon,

I would like to share my support of Item 63217, Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Center for Black Excellence & Culture (CBEC) and allocate \$250,000 to be used for CBEC predevelopment costs.

The Center for Black Excellence & Culture (CBEC) will ultimately help Madison draw and keep Black talent rather than losing it to big cities where life is generally more comfortable when you are Black. I believe that any funding for the CBEC will be paid back by the city's future growth and prosperity.

Thank you,

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From: Don Thornton <nisendon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Support of Item # 63217 in today's Finance Committee meeting

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of Item #63217 on today's Finance Committee agenda that is proposing the following:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Center for Black Excellence & Culture (CBEC) and allocate \$250,000 from the \$2.5 million 2021 Small Business Equity & Recovery (SBER) program in the Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development Capital Budget to be used for CBEC predevelopment costs.

It's imperative that our community and our City support this incredibly worthwhile effort!

Sincerely,

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